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Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas makes a point during a meeting with stakeholders over Tinian's solid waste issues at the Office of the Governor's conference room yesterday.

Stakeholders agree to ship Tinian waste off-island

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Local and military stakeholders set February 2017 as the target launch date for shipping solid waste from Tinian to Saipan, given they first construct a Tinian transfer station and line "Cell #3" of the Marpi Landfill on Saipan.

After meeting with stakeholders on Capitol Hill, Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas told

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Military: Mitigation plans to be determined next year

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» Loss of acres of coral, native forest 'unavoidable'
» Dentons says mitigation plans 'vague'

The Marine Corps Forces Pacific says mitigation plans will be defined over the next year for live-fire ranges on Tinian and Pagan, as no plans have been committed to yet in draft impact documents.

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Saipan, Tinian and Rota under Typhoon Condition III;

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» Effects of tropical storm Chan-hom to be felt tomorrow

Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are all placed under Typhoon Condition III as Tropical Storm Chan-Hom is forecasted to move closer to the Marianas during the weekend.

As early as 4pm yesterday, the condition setting was declared by Gov. Eloy S. Inos because of the anticipated threat of the tropical storm. Under the said conditions, the storm is likely to be felt within 48 hours.

According to CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management deputy special assistant Gerald Deleon Guerrero, the islands will likely be upgraded to Typhoon Condition II today, and may be further upgraded to Condition I as early as this evening.

Deleon Guerrero said they are looking at fully activating the Emergency Operations Center this morning and

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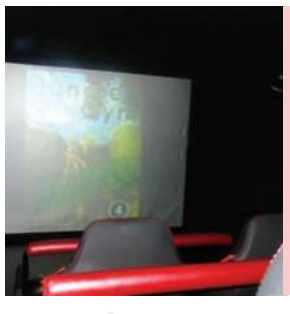

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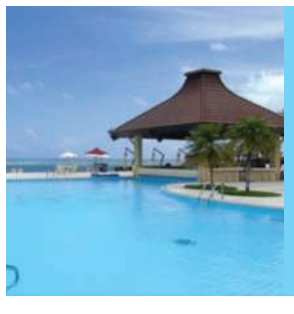

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Turning 26 on Sunday, Aqua Resort Club has been busy renovating and upgrading for their guests and customers.

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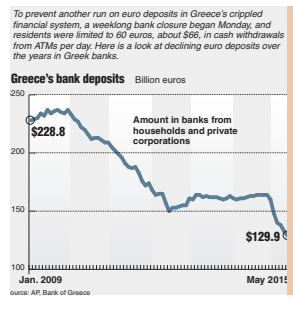
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'Over 600 TDHC workers not getting salary for a week now'

Over 600 Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino employees, mostly alien workers, have not received their salary for a week now, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

A Tinian Dynasty staff, who requested anonymity, expressed disappointment with the delay of their salary occurring again.

"We need our salary to buy food and pay our utility bills," the staff said, adding that most of them have children who are studying either in the CNMI or in the Philippines.

Saipan Tribune repeatedly contacted yesterday Tinian Dynasty general manager Christopher Bishop for comment, but he was not available.

Another staff said before 2014, they also experienced delay in receiving paychecks up to nine payrolls or equivalent to four months.

The staff disclosed that employees start getting paychecks on time only in July 2014 when the U.S. government filed criminal charges against Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, owner of Tinian Dynasty.

"Here we are again. We heard that our salary will come from Hong Kong, but until now we are waiting," the worker said.

Several staff also revealed that their human resources director was terminated on Wednesday for unknown reason.

Tinian Dynasty is one of the biggest private employers on Tinian.

Tinian Dynasty has hired three lawyers in its defense in the criminal case that is pending in federal court.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, commonly known as FinCEN, also recently assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $75 million against HKE for "willful and egregious violations of the Bank Secrecy Act. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

House committee adopts $149.5M proposed 'budget bill'

The House Committee on Ways and Means adopted a $149.5-million "budget bill" for fiscal year 2016, which is slightly higher than the government's earlier proposal of $145.8 million.

Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means pre-filed House Bill 19-86 or the "Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2016" last Wednesday.

A House session is expected to be convened soon by House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) to approve the draft bill.

"We just passed the draft budget. It will be presented to the whole body and if approved, will be transmitted to the Senate," Sablan earlier said.

The House Committee on Ways and Means in the last few weeks has been conducting budget deliberations for the government departments in the CNMI.

Sablan said as expected, most of the agencies wanted more than what was proposed.

During the deliberations, committee members looked at the personnel requirements of the various departments, as well as possible sources of budget allocations on the balance sheets.

Some of the biggest CNMI departments, meanwhile, are scheduled to appear before the Senate chamber for the budget hearings.

The Department of Finance is scheduled on July 7 at 9:30am, while the Department of Public Safety is scheduled on the same day at 2pm. The CNMI Medical Referral Program is scheduled on July 9 at 9:30am, while the Department of Public Works is scheduled on the same day at 2pm.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is expected to have a budget hearing on July 15 at 9:30am, while the Public School System is scheduled on July 14 at 9:30am. ***(Joel D. Pinaroc)***

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DPL decision very negative to Japanese investors

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The Japan Saipan Travel Association has expressed strong support over Kan Pacific Saipan entering into a new lease agreement with the Commonwealth government.

JSTA president Masaru Sunaga said that if Marianas Resort loses its land lease, it will give a negative look to future Japanese investors.

Kan Pacific owns the Marpi hotel.

"It is a disregarded decision because they [Marianas Resort] want to continue business. With the Department of Public Lands recent decision in soliciting competitive bids, JSTA wants to go against that decision," Sunaga said.

"Already over 10 years the Japan market is slow, only last minute the Japan economy is going back little by little, this time CNMI still has chance for investors from Japan, but DPL decision is a very negative impact for Japanese investors," he added.

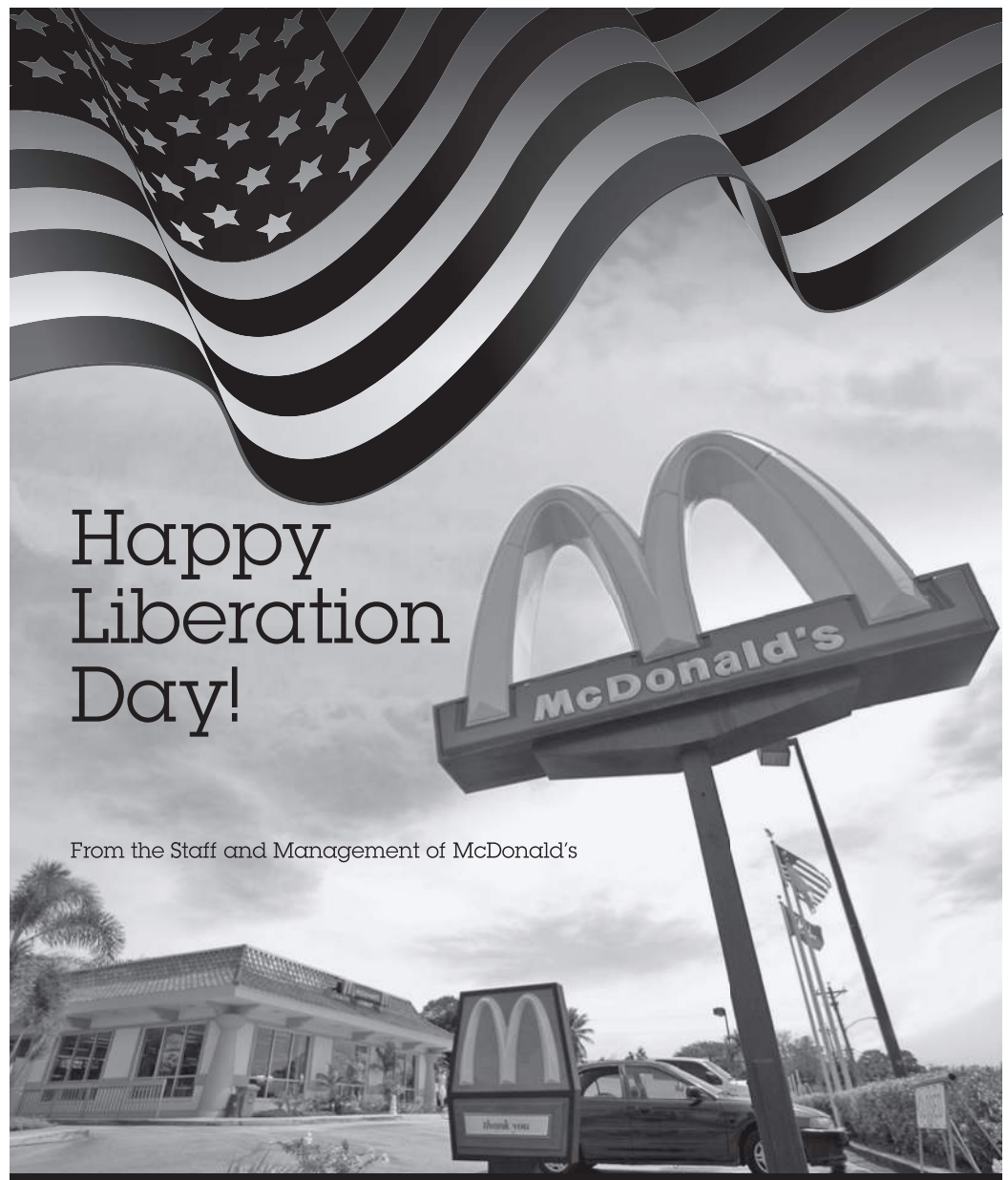
Even as the Korea and China markets are up, Sunaga expressed concern what will happen to the CNMI tourism industry if the China market suddenly stops, for example, and it will only be left with the Korea market.

He said equaling out the percentage output of tourists from different source countries will stabilize the local tourism industry.

"The CNMI still has chance for Japanese investors but no one wants to invest in the CNMI because if Marianas Resort will lose everything, no one will want it. All investors—not only Japan—don't like risks," Sunaga said.

"Japanese investors might be very low, now the tourism industry here is not healthy. The number of Korean and Chinese tourists is getting higher but Japanese market is now very small only 15 to 20 percent, so the CNMI should think to equalize the market," he added.

"It is not healthy so CNMI should think about getting back Japanese tourist, we still have chance, but with the recent decision it is not possible. Now people forecast airline and air seat, we think about more on airlines from Japan, but we need investors from Japan. Because if the Japanese investors are strong here, then Japanese tourists will come. If the CNMI thinks about getting back [the] Japan [market], we must think about the investors," Sunaga said.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Mariana Resort rejects DPL decision

In a formal letter to the Department of Public Lands, Kan Pacific Saipan president Yoshihiro Kitami rejected DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio's decision to solicit competitive bids on Mariana Resort & Spa's expiring public land lease.

Kitami revealed in his letter that DPL was contractually obligated to give notice of intent to transition the subject land that Kan Pacific has to DPL five years "before the expiration of the lease" in accordance with Paragraph 2(a) of the Fourth Amendment to the Lease Agreement entered in March 2003 between Kan Pacific and DPL's predecessor, Marianas Public Lands Authority.

Paragraph 3(a) for "provision for transition" states that "at least five years before the expiration of the lease Extension Term, the Lessor shall inform the Lessee whether it intends to initiate the transition of the management of the facilities to Lessor."

Kan Pacific's lease expiration date is April 30, 2018. Instead of informing Kan Pacific of an intention to do a transition of the property back to the DPL, DPL informed Kan Pacific that it was the intention of the DPL to grant another lease.

Kitami stated in his letter that in May 2013, DPL expressed a desire to grant an additional lease term and encouraged the company to continue investing in the leasehold beyond the termination date.

DPL also sent a letter in May 29, 2013, advising that a"plan was being developed for advance approval of lease extensions by the Legislature and the Governor's Office and also mentioned the existence of an effort to amend Article 11 of the CNMI Constitution to increase the limits of lease terms to 99 years.

"It is undeniable that, at the time at which the DPL was required to give notice of any intention to transition the land from Kan Pacific back to the DPL, the DPL indicated to Kan Pacific that it was not intending to transition the land back to the DPL and, instead, informed Kan Pacific that it was the intention of the DPL to enter into another lease with Kan Pacific. The DPL actually encouraged Kan Pacific to move forward accordingly—and we did," Kitami stated.

Kan Pacific took no steps to disengage from the enterprise at Marianas Resort and no steps to ease up on investing efforts and expenditures on the property and made no budgetary adjustments to facilitate any transition out for the facilities.

Instead, counsels for DPL and Kan Pacific had a discussion regarding preparation for a lease agreement.

On Feb. 2014, DPL's counsel and Kan Pacific's counsel communicated about forms that could be used for the lease, and DPL's counsel actually sent lease agreement forms for consideration, while Kan Pacific proposed lease form to DPL's counsel as well.

Kitami added that DPL's counsel's email sent to Kan Pacific on June 2014 stated "In general, DPL is hoping Kan Pacific will invest in improvements to the property as soon as possible, which is why DPL offered to enter into a new lease before the natural expiration of the current lease. Correct me if I'm wrong, but it seems that waiting until the old lease expires before entering a new lease would mean that Kan Pacific would postpone making any real investment in improvements until sometime after 2018."

The email adds "The DPL secretary also indicated that, to be safe, DPL may consider doing an RFP for the property if there is no concrete agreement in effect between DPL and Kan Pacific as we head into the last years of the current lease. So, it seems DPL's preference is to enter into a new lease as soon as possible so that Kan Pacific will invest more money into the property as soon as possible."

The Kan Pacific president said DPL requested a lease proposal entering into a lease with Kan Pacific. Kan Pacific provided an initial proposal on or about Aug. 4, 2014. It included a plan for $30 million in additions, renovations, and improvements. Kitami said Kan Pacific submitted an amended proposal that included a plan for $75 million. He said the proposal is still pending with DPL.

On May 22, 2015 Kan Pacific provided DPL with a legal memorandum upon its request.

"Kan Pacific has been a good, reliable, trustworthy, honorable tenant for the past 37 years… Kan Pacific has earned the right to stay in business at the location that it has developed and sacrificed for…and it would be unfair to place Kan Pacific on par with any newcomer that might come along with a little more capital and some lofty promises…We are not saying we should be granted another lease…we are saying that we have been good, reliable, and productive tenant and we have worked hard and sacrificed to make that so," Kitami said.

If awarded a lease extension, Kitami said Kan Pacific is poised to immediately enter into a lease agreement and commence a $75-million improvement project that would "substantially improve the property, greatly enhance its value, increase rental and tax income for the CNMI, and create a considerable amount of new jobs." ***(Jayson Camacho)***

MILITARY

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The construction and impact of "live-fire" ranges is expected to have "significant" and "unavoidable" impacts to Tinian and Pagan, resulting in the loss or displacement of coral reef and local bird species, and, among others, the removal of thousands of acres of native forest, according to impact documents.

Per the Council on Environmental Quality, the military is tasked under the National Environmental Policy Act to provide "appropriate mitigation measures not already included in" the military's proposed action. It also tasks federal agencies to provide the "means to mitigate adverse environmental impacts."

MARFORPAC executive director Craig Whelden told *Saipan Tribune* that it would be "premature" to decide on mitigation before public comment period is over and input is evaluated.

The executive director was responding to concerns from the CNMI side of the draft impact analysis that the military did not follow through on their obligations to NEPA with the indefinite and unclear plans for mitigation left in the draft impact documents.

For one, impact documents use the word "may" repeatedly in describing military mitigation plans, when this is not the same as "will." Another concern is the lack of discussion on the benefits and disadvantages of mitigation methods like relocation of bird conservation areas, or the transplanting of coral species.

Whelden said, though, that they could not "commit to 'mitigation' before its time." "That's why you see nuanced language such as "may" or "will consider" in the DEIS," he said.

Whelden said they are currently in the public comment period and it would be premature to decide on mitigation before the public is given the opportunity to be fully heard. He said they would then spend the next year—until final impact documents are finalized—evaluating input received from the public and regulatory agencies to "determine the most appropriate mitigation for identified impacts.

"The final [environmental impact statement] and Record of Decision will spell those out," he said.

Scale

Under all the training alternatives proposed for Tinian, their would be the removal of around 1,800 acres of forest and herbaceous scrub habitats that are used by native land birds like the Tinian Monarch, the Collared Kingfisher, Mariana Fruit Dove, and White-Throated Ground-Dove.

Under the military's preferred alternative, 7,200 Tinian Monarchs, or about 8 percent of the total population, will suffer loss of nesting and foraging areas. Unavoidable noise impacts to foraging Mariana Common Moorhens from large-caliber munitions near the military's proposed "High Hazard Impact" area are also described.

The impact documents say the Department of Defense may consider "forest enhancement" practices, and would implement training restrictions within limestone forest. It also says new conservation areas will be implemented for this wildlife.

Dentons US LLC, the firm contracted by the administration to review the military's impact documents, told reporters during their trip to the CNMI that the impact documents did not contain enough information for adequate review of mitigation.

Their comments suggest what kind of mitigation the military would need to adequately mitigate harm to the environment, and comply with NEPA.

Dentons' Matthew Adams said the impact documents had "vague promises of creating future planning documents that will somehow address mitigation, but there are no standards, there are no specifics."

Jim Kean, a wildlife ecologist by training and another consultant with Dentons working under Environmental Science Associates, said this was "not keeping up with the spirit and the letter of the law of NEPA."

Keany also drew a picture of scale of impacts to the CNMI's relatively small island ecology, saying that the scale of military impact is "not parallel with what's on the ground."

"We are talking about a very unique natural landscape here, an island community," he said, referring to Tinian. "When you are talking about islands, impacts are particularly important, even small impacts can have a particularly great impact on small species."

"The Navy looks at the impacts and says [they] are effecting 17 percent of the habitat, [and that] the bird populations might be reduced a little…but then if you look at the larger scale of things—on an island ecology standpoint—the total landmass of the CNMI is only about the 17 percent of the land base of Rhode Island, and so this is a very unique bird species on a very specialized landscape."

"You can't really discount that," he said.

Keany said this kind of dynamic needs to be taken into effect in talking about island ecology, however, they did not see "any context" for this in the impact documents, he said.

STAKEHOLDERS

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reporters yesterday that they had all agreed on this February 2017 date. "We are all committed to answering the call of solving the solid waste issues down on Tinian," he said.

The decision by stakeholders yesterday comes amid the larger backdrop of U.S. military plans for live-fire range complexes on Tinian and the years of failure to close the non-compliant, and open-air Tinian dump. The property the dump sits on has recently been leased to multi-million-casino investor, Alter City Group, adding more separate interests into the fold.

The Marine Corps Forces Pacific's live-fire range project requires some 353 tons of off-island waste disposal for a training period of 20 weeks, according to military impact documents. They project to support an average population of 1,200 per year.

For a period of 45 weeks, they project 794 tons of waste for off-island waste disposal.

MARFORPAC environmental specialist Sherri Eng told stakeholders that their funding sources would come from the military's live-fire range project, or the "CNMI Joint Military Training" project.

MARFOPAC project leader Tim Robert told *Saipan Tribune* that this was a U.S. Department of Defense requirement. "It's to meet our solid waste needs for our training on Tinian," he said.

"We will come back in October this year with a feasibility study that lays out the process and the cost estimates for one, the upgrade of the Marpi facility, and two the costs of the process of the shipping itself of solid waste from Tinian to Saipan," he said.

Once the transfer station is completed, it was gathered that the processed waste would be sealed in a container and shipped on a barge to Saipan, where the container would be transferred to the Marpi landfill.

The long-term solution

Meanwhile, the mayor and the Department of Public Land have identified the general Pina area on Tinian for the island's landfill.

DPL secretary Pete A. Tenorio told stakeholders yesterday that he was personally a part of a field survey on Tinian where they had looked at two alternative sites in the southern portion of Tinian, past Tachungya beach, and eastern side of the island, near the Suicide Cliff.

But according to Tenorio, accessibility, travel distance, and coverability were issues with the two sites as they were "too rugged" and "difficult" to get to.

The Pina site on the other hand did not have this problem and its ground water flowed away from the ground area basin of Marpo Valley, a water source for Tinian, and out into the Pacific Ocean, according to Tenorio.

Right now, the Pina site is undergoing assessment for unexploded ordnance from World War II. DPL has been looking at the Pina plateau area and below it's ridge.

However, MARFOPRAC's Sherri Eng told stakeholders that a military siting study was done that "ruled out" that area below the plateau because of fault lines and tsunami elevation standards.

Capping the Tinian dump

According to San Nicolas, the Tinian municipality expects to finalize a "memorandum of understanding" with Alter City Group next week to allow them and the Department of Public Works to manage the dump.

According to the mayor, they expect to manage solid waste through "an aggressive recycling program," and by identifying other sites for green waste and recyclables to lessen the footprint of the dump.

This includes the "capping and closing of the current dump," the mayor said. This is targeted for September.

Funding sources

The Capital Improvement Office has completed designs for the Tinian transfer station in San Jose near the island's power plant. The Tinian mayor handed a letter to CIP yesterday indicating their intent to use that site.

San Nicolas said there are issues of funding but they "are talking with [the Department of Public Works] and [the Office of Insular Affairs] on how we can fund that project."

DEQ site assessment manager Ray Masga said they were happy with yesterday's outcome. "I think we understand the degree of complexity this project takes and there are requirements that need to be followed," he said.

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have the Public School System come in and assign shelters.

Shelters will open once an area is placed under condition II.

Like Typhoon Dolphin

According to Deleon Guerrero, Chan-Hom is looking like Typhoon Dolphin, which badly hit Rota and Guam last May.

"This storm is pretty much almost the same as the previous one, Typhoon Dolphin. With its projection right now, it's going right in between Guam and Rota," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Disintegrating weather of destructive winds and strong rains is expected from early to mid-morning tomorrow for Rota and tomorrow evening for Tinian and Saipan.

"The closest point of approach to the Marianas, specifically for Rota will be at Sunday right after midnight, around 1am. And for Saipan and Tinian, early Sunday at 4am," Deleon Guerrero said.

The tropical storm is also expected to intensify as it moves closer to the CNMI and was expected to become a typhoon this morning.

At 7pm yesterday, the center of the tropical storm was located at 420 miles southeast of Saipan.

It was moving west-southwest at 23 miles per hour and was expected to continue westward through today.

Maximum sustained winds remain at 65 mph and tropical storm winds extend outward up to 85 miles from the center.

Precautionary measures

Residents are advised to maintain necessary precautionary measures for gusty strong winds and heavy rain showers associated with the tropical storm.

HSEM reminds them to secure all loose objects around the house that needs to be strapped down or removed and secured to prevent them from being picked up and propelled by the strong winds.

Rota, which is still recovering from Dolphin's effects, is once again preparing for another possible devastation.

"We are on top of Rota, we just had a conversation with the mayor and they are on top of this too," Deleon Guerrero said.

Inos says talk on proposed military build up 'work in progress'

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos described the ongoing discussions regarding a proposed military build-up in the CNMI as a "work in progress."

Inos recently met with representatives of the U.S. military headed by Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, the deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, at Capital Hill to discuss proposed military activities on the CNMI.

Inos stressed that the presence of Crutchfield brings the discussions—particularly on a draft environmental impact statement on proposed live-fire exercises on Tinian and Pagan—closer to Washington.

"Some of the issues we are discussing are still a 'work in progress.' We hope to have an amicable solution to the discussions," Inos said.

Inos further said it is a good thing that the general has set a schedule to meet with Tinian leaders.

"I agree with the governor that the discussion (on draft EIS) is a work in progress. We hope to bring clarity to what the DoD really wants to do," Crutchfield said.

Crutchfield affirmed that part of his job is to "interface" with leaders in Washington, D.C. particularly top officials of the U.S. Department of Defense.

He said the visit to Tinian will be helpful.

Inos

Crutchfield said that disagreements are to be expected but it is his hope that the disagreements should not be based on hearsay or brought about by emotions.

"We want to be good partners," Crutchfield said.

Reaction to draft EIS review

During the same meeting, Craig Whelden, executive director of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, said initial statements presented by a third party consultant on the draft EIS were "too broad."

"The statements I have seen they've made in recent days, are a little too broad for me to comment on, because I don't know exactly what they mean when they say that the legality of it (draft EIS) is inadequate, or alternatives have not been considered, or we (military) have not engaged enough with the CNMI public," Whelden said.

Dentons US LLC was hired two weeks ago by the CNMI to conduct the independent review of the draft EIS.

Dentons presented its initial review and has deemed the EIS documents to be "inadequate."

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While there are no carnivals or theme parks at present in the CNMI, one resort is bringing on Saipan the next best thing—4D Rider.

Staying true to its goal to create the most fun resort in the Pacific, Saipan World Resort is the first to bring this newest attraction for the public to enjoy.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Teeter-totter is one of the three new waterpark features in Saipan World Resort where groups can have more fun playing in the water. The W-shaped inflatable equipment tumbles when one side pushes forward or back.

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The family resort is offering a promo where with every purchase of an adult all-day water park pass, you can experience 4D for free.

Aqua Glide

But that is not the only thing that Saipan World Resort is bringing into the CNMI. They also have new additions to their water sports and activities.

World Resort is bringing in not one, but three Aqua Glide water park which are inflatable equipment used on the beach for more fun in the water!

"The new 4D Rider, along with our new Aqua Glide, will be a part of our efforts in providing an entertaining environment for everyone in the family. Saipan World Resort will continue to work to serve you in the community and create the most fun resort in the Pacific," Babauta said.

First of the three new water park equipment is the inflatable "RockIt" where four people try to balance and ride it like a merry-go-round. The first to fall on the water is out!

Another one is the W-shaped teeter-totter where two groups balance to play as well and topple each other.

The last one is an energy-exhausting supertramp trampoline where kids and adults alike can jump as long as they can and slide to the water.

"As a leader in the family tourism market in the CNMI, Saipan World Resort constantly strives to develop and invest in new programs to not only cater to the tourists, but for the families in the CNMI as well," Babauta said.

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Tebuteb slams CUC, CHCC on 'mismanagement'

Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) believes that both the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. are being "mismanaged."

The CUC and CHCC are currently in a tug of war of some sort regarding the payment of outstanding and current obligations that CHCC owes the CUC.

Overall, it is reported that the CHCC owes CUC some $16 million. A court order has barred the CUC from "disconnecting" the CHCC.

"Is it bankruptcy or is it mismanagement?" Tebuteb said.

For the CUC, he said the utilities firm is still laden with a slew of issues and stipulated orders. Its board is also "politicizing" the situation, Tebuteb said.

One solution, he said, is that the government should "remove" the members of the board.

"The government needs to remove the board of the CUC. They (the board) are politicizing this thing. You can even look at the qualifications of these board members," Tebuteb lamented.

He added that, "CUC is working OK with its projects, but the interference of the board" is a concern.

"I think this CUC is heading toward a receivership telephone pole" which will affect all ratepayers.

Although he did not disclose more details about the CHCC, which also has a board, Tebuteb is urging the current government to look into these political appointees.

For Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), the chair of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, a proposed deal on how the CHCC can settle its debts to the CUC is a positive development.

He said he is "highly favorable" to the agreement that is proposed for the CUC and CHCC.

"To the court, CHCC is bankrupt. How can it pay? One way is to allow CHCC to pay the $150,000 per month to the CUC," Igisomar said.

The senator said CUC can still charge "standby" fees, while CHCC continues its program to have sustainable energy in accordance to the CNMI'e existing net metering law.

He said is it is a long-term plan, "but it is an innovative plan, if they (CUC) only agree to it."

"I really support this agreement and I hope it moves forward," Igisomar said, adding that he also hopes that the Attorney General's Office approves the legal format, and the two groups can negotiate in good faith.

Payment plan

Two days ago, the CNMI's public utility board has directed its management to work out a payment plan with the CHCC after discussions over the health corporation's proposed monthly payment of about $150,000.

If it had been voted for, the $150,000 monthly payment would have been finalized despite the local hospital owing about $560,000 in utility bills per month.

The CHCC owes the CUC some $16 million in past due accounts. In March, a local court granted CUC right to disconnect the hospital's "non-essential" units, which the utility has since done.

The payment plan was described in a letter from CHCC this month. The letter described CHCC's intent to pay $150,000 a month until it got its "renewable energy" plans up and running in a year.

CUC board chair Adelina Roberto said this $150,000 was a "minimum" and that they were working on was a "draft contract."

This draft contract is essentially a law to draft. Copies of a draft "Senate bill" legislation had been shared among the board and management since a payment plan would have to be approved by law.

The CHCC letter was requested but not made available as of press time. Roberto said it would be made public after CUC had decided on the payment plan.

CUC management will now start discussion with CHCC to work out a payment plan. CUC would like to determine exactly how much the local hospital could pay them per month.

A board member of the CHCC earlier said the hospital's payment of $150,000 "was better than nothing." ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

Elements of Nature Kids Camp at Church 360

Church 360 will be hosting a free Kid's Camp starting Tuesday, July 7, through Friday, July 10, at the church's first floor location in the Marianas Business Plaza. The camp will be from 9am to noon each day. This will be for children ages 4-10. Pre-registration is advised as the camp will only serve 40 children. Activities will include interactive Bible stories, singing, science experiments, crafts, games, snacks, and more all themed with the element of the day, earth, water, fire, and air.

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Liberation Day parade, activities cancelled

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For the second straight year, Saturday's scheduled Liberation Day Parade has been postponed until further notice, including all liberation activities beginning yesterday due to Typhoon Chan-Hom.

In a statement issued at 4:25pm yesterday, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said that due to the approaching storm, which is expected to reach the CNMI on July 4 and 5 (Saturday and Sunday), the parade and festivities will be postponed until further notice.

Apatang is also advising all concessionaires, parade participants, performers, guests, and visitors that activities as of yesterday, July 2, today, July 3, and the weekend, July 4 and 5, are cancelled.

"On behalf of the [Saipan] Mayor's Office, Skywalker Communications Group, and the 2015 Liberation Day Committee, I would like to apologize for the cancellation and for any inconvenience," Apatang said.

The 2014 Liberation Day Parade was also postponed on July 4 last year because of a tropical storm, but was held the next day, July 5.

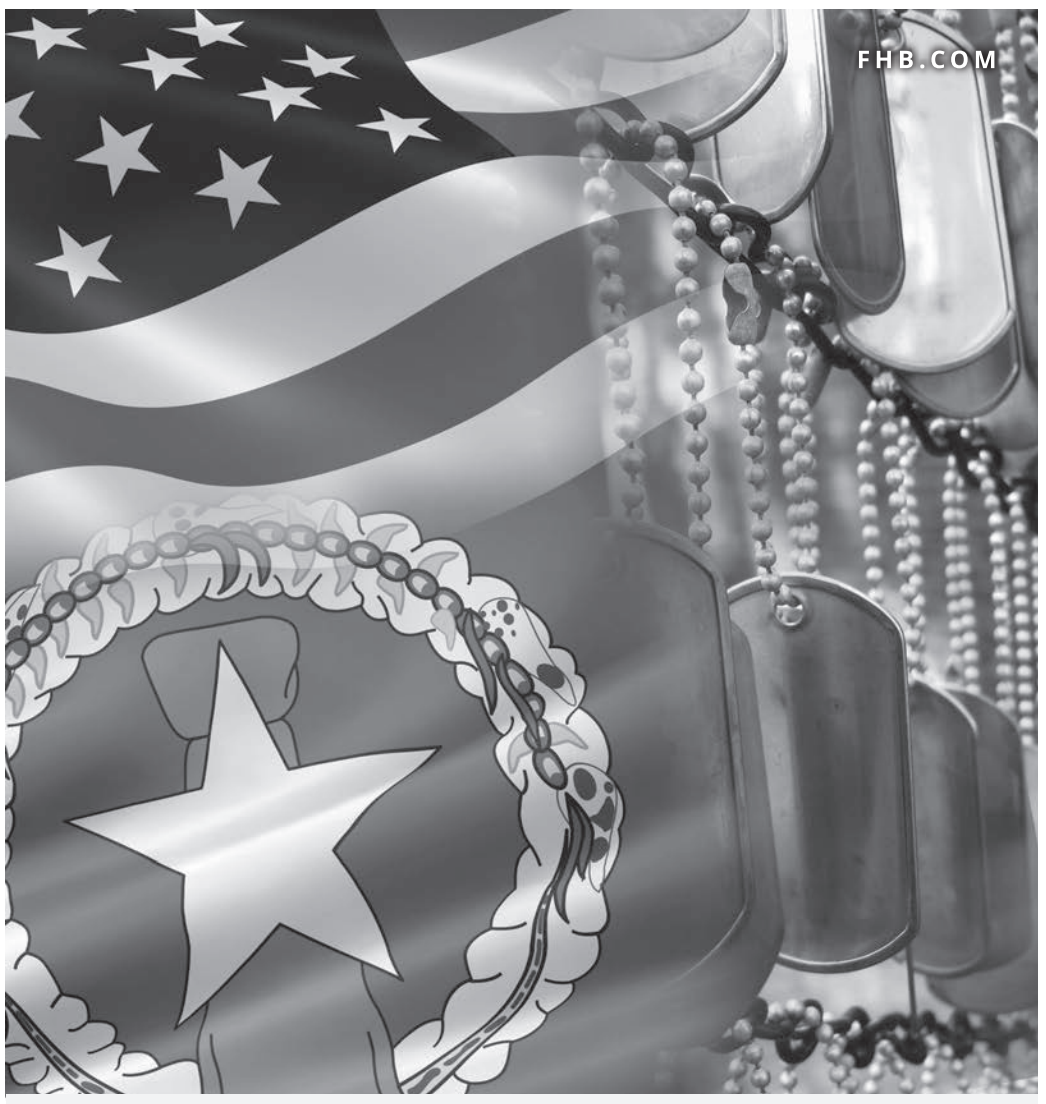
"We just got word this afternoon that Saipan is in Typhoon Condition 3 already. Our office's safety office informed us that he got word from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management," Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider said.

Skywalker Communications business director Elvis Yu said that everything will be down at the Liberation Festivities grounds to prepare for the storm.

Aside from the Liberation festivities and parade being cancelled, the featured evening event for the "Anuhea" concert by Steven Brownstein Entertainment has also been cancelled.

"The Saipan Mayor's Office has cancelled the Liberation Festivities on Saturday and because of that the Anuhea concert scheduled for Saturday has been cancelled. If the concert can be rescheduled we will let everyone know," Steven Brownstein said.

"We pray for the safety of the wonderful people of Saipan…Please stay tuned to the Steven Brownstein Entertainment Facebook page for more info," he added.



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The Fourth of July

There is nothing more red, white, and blue American than the Fourth of July. Post-WWII Pea Eye citizens who sang *Land of the Morning* in celebrating the Fourth before Diosdado Macapagal shifted attention to Kawit, Cavite, and *Lupang Hinirang*, attest to growing up with virtues of Wall Street 'Mericano more than the free-wheeling laid back world-wise street-smart Pinoy of the Madrid years.

When the "liberation" of the Marianas during the Battle of Saipan saw ordnance thrown in 'dem hills, the niceties of the Fourth of July was hardly in the minds of the advancing warriors, let alone the cowed Carolinians and Chamorros in the caves later corralled into Concentration Camp barracks. The islands' celebration of "liberation" is in fact, the release of internment from out of the Camps, and only coincidentally, also the nations drum and bugle call!

Considered a "strategic military location" in the aftermath of the WWII Japanese occupation, and later, the red menace of Chairman Mao and the "Internationale" crowd, Uncle Sam paid for the privilege of use and occupation of the Marianas, and the islands chose to be part of the Union (Guam did not have much choice) but indigenes now bewail the steep price paid. Indeed, the hearts and soul of the People have surrendered to the benign systemic altruism of Uncle Sam's NAP, or to the CWs' enthusiasm in the dog-eat-dog competition of the "market economy," and profit from it. The Chamorro tiller of the land and the Carolinian navigators of the sea with their Pea Eye CW cousins lead a diversity that now sunsets their lives unto the lagoon.

The local diet in the last 10 years has visibly enlarged everyone's mid-section while we BBQ with the rest of the nation in the hoopla of the Fourth. Flags rise in this part of the world as uniformed personnel march in cadence in the festivities. Many who missed downing summer cubes on-the-rocks on Memorial Day have until Labor Day to icily welcome autumn and send the kids back to school.

Liberation and freedom are trademarks of the United States delivered in the shadows of mother England's regal arrogance, but individualism is protected in the constitution. That's the plus side. That overemphasis gets overboard is the downside.

Because the Fourth pushes everyone to be their own person, we value the import of this day. Memories are important, but more relevant are the authenticity of individual's objective sense, genuineness of feelings, relevance of cognition, and intentionality of will. That is what the Fourth protects, not royal authority as it is the call to real truthfulness of behavior and spirit.

We shan't cut short the rituals we normally go through to remember this day; we'll take the time to reflect on what it means to be a responsible CNMI, free and liberated. We decry CWs as being just concerned about the money they earn, which may generally be so, but it does not excuse the rest of us to give meaning and significance to patterns of behavior that identify citizenship in the custom of the Fourth of July.

Easy on the fireworks, but pass the wasabi, please.

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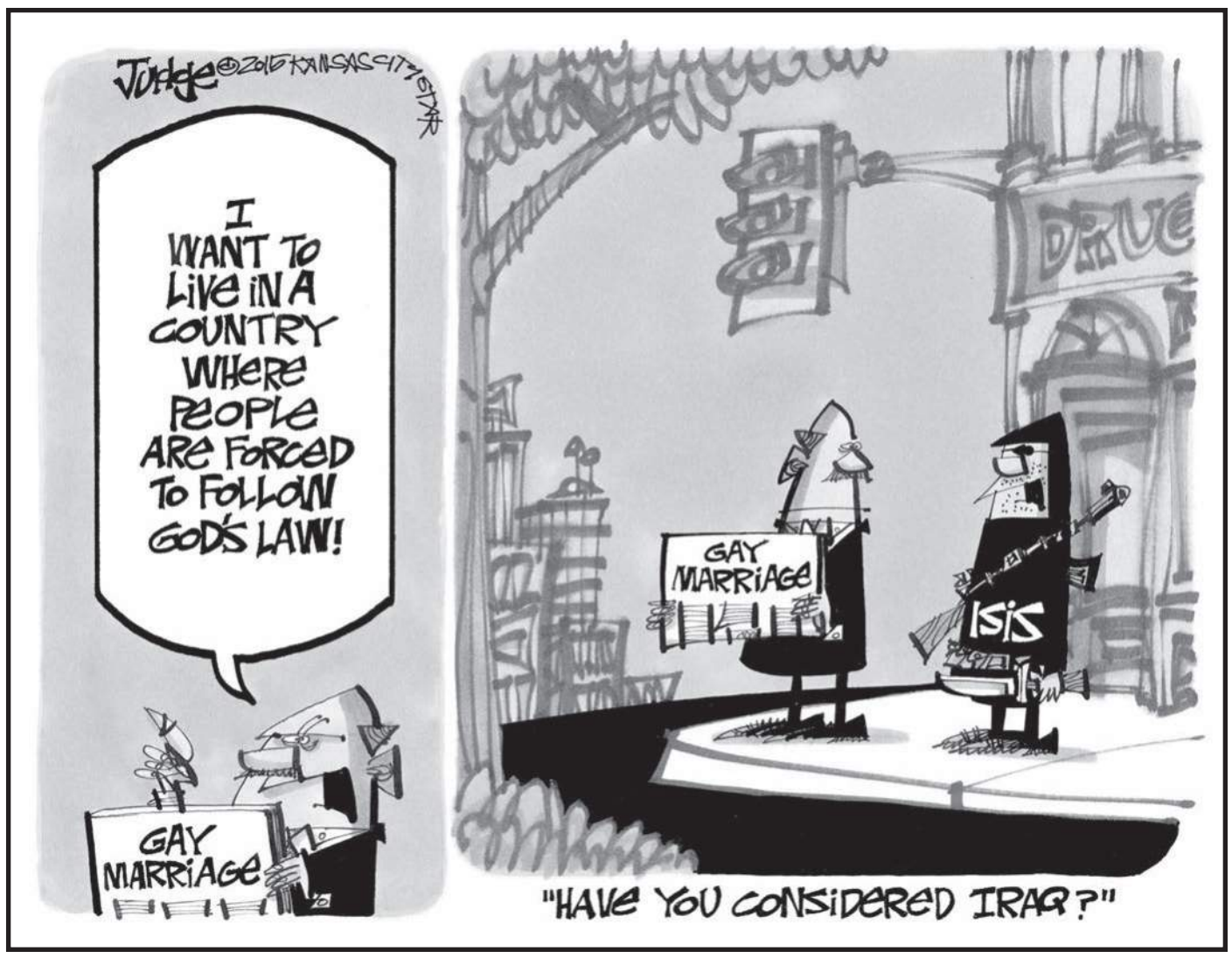
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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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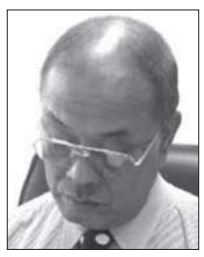

For the last four decades I've followed island economies, their ups and downs, or how easily they crumble when policy from within or without or both derail it. It's an imperfect science nearly as perfect in its imperfections.

It's a given that island economies are poor because they don't have any resources like oil or other minerals they could market globally. But isn't Japan a resource-poor island country too? What did she do to have emerged a global economic giant? Or how about Hong Kong?

Japan used science and technology to move ahead. Hong Kong employed less taxes and stifling regulations to secure her own place as an investment hub in Asia. What's ours besides the new culture of lawlessness?

Interestingly, Texas worked on its own policies to lure investments successfully, according to John C. Goodman, senior fellow at the Independent Institute and author.

It became a focal point of its economy that "drew natural attention where it created three of every 10 new jobs in the entire country." Furthermore, "over the last four years Texas was the third among 50 states in job creation." Former governor Rick Perry and others credit low taxes and sensible regulation for Texas' economic success. Though there's decline in energy prices that has slowed things a bit its policies sustained it. Goodman noted the Wall Street Journal editorial board agrees. Last week they wrote:

"The Tax Foundation ranks Texas's business climate tenth best, and the state's growth spurt vindicates the Perry formula of low taxes and a light regulatory touch. Between 2000 and 2010, Texas gained a net 781,542 domestic migrants—second only to Florida—while California lost 1.9 million, according to the Manhattan Institute. Last year Texas boasted the three fastest-growing counties with populations above 250,000 (Fort Bend, Montgomery and Williamson)."

In this connection, has the NMI taken the painstaking effort to review its arcane tax system and regulations to determine it they aren't the stifling hurdles in the obvious revenue generation going deep south? Unless we know what we have coupled with the resolve to refine policies that spur rather than stifle investments we'd be stuck in the filthy mud of pushing economic stagnancy in perpetuity. Clarity of definition on major policy decisions is a pre-requisite in moving the needle of growth.

Issues that matter

Immediately ahead is U.S. Immigration mandate that we replace CWs with U.S. zitizen employees by 2019. Is there a fully thought out program on this issue that includes the education and training of locals to prepare them for the job market? Is it a realistic plan or wouldn't this haunt private industries? Would it allow for expansion or contraction?

This is where the elected elite between here and Washington must converge forthwith to trump their cards in reality check if this imposition is workable or not. Without the accompanying labor requirement any plan to move the needle of growth forward would be frustrated and compromised. There's time constrain to rectify this creeping anomaly.

The concept of alternative energy may be cumbersome especially for lawmakers with reading comprehension deficiencies. I see most are smart guys and gals. Use of common sense is all they need to employ to buckle down to doing and fulfilling fiduciary duty. Is this difficult or what is it that you find hard understanding?

It's awfully quiet

Cruised by a village before sunset and noticed it's awfully quiet, it's deafening. A few folks were raking around the house before sunset. Most are probably cooking supper.

Sad the faces of villagers that seem drained of hope in their future. Even their usually enthusiastic voices are muted in deeply troubled sighs.

I know what they had to endure these days hoping helplessly for brighter tomorrows. There's hardly a ray of hope that dawn would bring some good tidings. Recalled a recent economist report saying ours has maintained sustained growth. Really? How has it translated to improving the lot of households in the islands? But we know the truth: it hasn't! It's a good cheerleader's role stirring excitement that quickly fizzled.

A point we can't dismiss mirroring what the Obama White House has told debt-ridden Puerto Rico of "no federal bailout." PR's Gov. Alejandro Padilla said he hopes there's a way out. "This is not about politics, this is about math." His territory owes $72 billion in municipal bond debt. I think ours is somewhere in the neighborhood of about $1.2 billion.

Am I optimistic that descending investments would spur revenue generation in stride? Uh, I'll take a rain check for now. I challenge geniuses on imperial hill to show us they have the mantle to do the right thing by doing it right.

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Favorite things

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"My Favorite Things" is a song from "The Sound of Music," which was a play (1959) and then a movie (1965). I'll confess I never saw either; I'm more of a "Smokey and the Bandit" kinda' guy (1977). But "My Favorite Things" was so famous that everyone recognized it. Even Lady Gaga has covered it, thus taking the mantle from Julie Andrews, so if you're looking for some commonality among contrasts, well, there you go.

My pals and I grew up hearing our moms singing along to Julie Andrews. As for the song at hand, it enumerates some items the singer likes to think about times aren't so happy.

I never gave it any thought until I took an assignment in Pago Pago. I was hired to fly a helicopter from the deck of a merchant vessel. Upon arrival I found the ship. I found the chopper. And I also found my seabag; found it gone, that is, since the airline routed it to the wrong hemisphere.

So I set sail with little more than the clothes on my back. Taking the silver lining approach, this gave me a chance to list a few of my favorite things, things I never noticed when they were there to be noticed, but things that I did notice now that I couldn't notice them.

Alas, my list varied a bit from the favorites enumerated by Andrews et al. They sang of, among other things, "Cream colored ponies and crisp apple strudels, doorbells, and sleigh bells and schnitzel with noodles." That's quite a shopping list, you'll agree. I think you'll find the sleigh bells next to the pony aisle. As for the noodled schnitzel, well, you're on your own.

As for my list, here are three highlights:

First of all: Q-tips. I tried making field expedient substitutes, but they never worked very well. Back ashore, I noticed that off-brands weren't so great, either. And thus we see the subtle genius behind so many seemingly prosaic products from famous brands. They've endured for a reason.

Q-tips are made by Unilever, a consumer-products powerhouse that makes a lot of brands you'd recognize. As for Q-tips, Unilever's website carries the history, starting with their invention in 1923: "Upon observing his wife applying wads of cotton to toothpicks, Leo Gerstenzang, the original founder of the Q-tips® Company, conceived the idea of manufacturing a ready-to-use cotton swab."

Another item I'll note from Unilever's history is from 2007. That's when the little 30-count "Purse Pack" hit the scene. Now that's a handy-dandy little item right there. It works a lot better than putting them in a sandwich bag for travel.

Next on my list of favorite things isn't a specific thing, but more of a category: books.

I don't always have to have my nose poked into a book, but on a merchant vessel you can go a long time without hearing much, if any, English. Being able to spend even 10 minutes a day with something to read is refreshing in such circumstances. For aspiring seafarers, I'll note that selecting sea-worthy reading material is a science of its own. My attention span at sea is short, so I like short stories and essays; O. Henry and Bertrand Russell have stood me well here.

As for the last item I'll mention, well, this is the biggie, something that I'd hard time living without. I speak of Levi's 501 jeans. During my Pago Pago foray I only had the one pair I was wearing, but if that pair went south, I would not have been a happy camper.

Since everything I favor gets discontinued, or, worse yet, "improved" into utter defilement, I'm just counting down the moments until I have to face life without 501's, but, for now, at least, I think things are OK.

For such an important product, my grasp of its origins is hazy indeed. Levi Strauss (a German immigrant) was the man behind this legendary product, a legacy of outfitting miners in the Old West, and patented in 1873.

As for Saipan, I never had to do without any favorite things, thanks to a local retail industry that punches far above its weight.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A government of law and not of men

It was very surprising and unusual to learn that Gov. Eloy S. Inos had requested the CNMI Board of Parole to begin the process of pardoning former governor BenignoFitial, two days before he was even sentenced by the court. The sad and shameful saga of the former governor began about two years ago with a number of questionable actions and transactions that he made while in office. We are now all-too-familiar with the findings made in the articles of impeachment that were adopted by the House of Representatives. At its core, the accusations made against the former governor were the flagrant abuse ofhis executive power and the atmosphere of corruption that permeated his administration.

Because of the direct involvement of the former attorney general, a gubernatorial appointee, in many of the charges made against the former governor, the Office of the Public Auditor—to its credit—had to step in and independently investigate the accusations that were made against Fitial. The criminal charges filed by OPA against the former governor culminated in a plea agreement that he entered into with the OPA and the newly elected Attorney General. Only his sentencing remained, which took place on June 24, last week.

Before the ink had even dried on the judge's signature in the criminal judgment of conviction and sentencing, Inos had already begun the process for granting an executive pardon to the former governor. Without even knowing what the sentence of the former governor would be, Inos clearly had already decided that he should grant a pardon to Fitial. For a number of reasons, Inos' action directly contravened the judicial process and our respect for the law. It made a mockery of our system of law and the independence of the judiciary in matters that are strictly relegated to the third branch of government. If even before the court hands down a sentence, the chief executive turns around and pardons (or commutes the sentence handed down by the court), what would be the point of having a court system?

No one is questioning the fact that the governor has the power to grant a pardon or executive clemency. We all know that from civics class. What the public is questioning is the propriety of the steps taken by Inos and the timing of such action. It is almost as if, regardless of what sentence is handed by the court, Inos had already made up his mind, for some time now, that he would pardon the former governor. And please don't tell me about President Ford pardoning President Nixon. Two wrongs don't make a right.

The next reason why Inos' decision to pardon the former governor is highly suspect is his very close relationship with the former governor. Although he has the power to pardon regardless of what the board of parole decides, the power of executive clemency should be used sparingly and only for reasons that would serve the best interests of justice. Yes, justice is at the very heart of granting executive clemency. And the reason for this is because the public was harmed by the unlawful actions of the former governor. To now say that the public interest is subservient to the former governor's interest is to commit a blatant disservice to the public and would continue the very cronyism and buddy-buddy system that the former governor was fond of doing when he was the chief executive.

Inos should have thoroughly considered the consequences of his plan to pardon before he acted on it. He did not and, in the process, encroached on the jurisdiction of the court. Should the judges now, like some board members have been doing for years, have to call up the governor first before a defendant is sentenced—to find out if the governor is considering a pardon for the defendant? I hope not, but that is the implication of Inos' recent decision to pardon the former governor.

I am fully aware that many of the two governors' supporters and followers will chastise me for writing this letter. I write it though because if the Commonwealth is to mature politically and become a government of law, then we must stop all forms of corruption in government. In order to do this, the laws must first be followed and the separation of powers among the three branches must be respected. And even executive pardons when exercised must not be abused by the executive.

Alexander "Colonel" Sablan
Dandan

An open letter to the people of the CNMI

In a few recent Letters to the Editor, the issue of the military's proposed plans for Tinian and Pagan is framed as choice between a casino industry and patriotism. This is not the first time I've heard this line of reasoning used to justify why we the people of the Commonwealth should support any military live fire training exercises on the islands of Tinian and Pagan as presented in the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (CNMI Joint Military Training DEIS). Given that so many of our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, fathers, and mothers have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy our freedoms, this call for patriotism cannot be left unanswered.

It is true, that as American citizens, patriotism means putting love of country first. But that is not all that it means. When America sends our troops to war, it is in the name of freedom, liberty, and justice for all. These were the values that we welcomed when we were negotiating the Covenant. These are the values that our sons and daughters are willing to die for on foreign lands. It was the promise that was made in the Declaration of Independence 200 years ago that the role of our government must be limited to safeguarding peace and preserving our freedoms. It was the promise that we as a people have the right to question our government, to protest, to rally against a bad policy and to change bad laws. Patriotism is living up to those ideals and exercising our freedoms to uphold and preserve those values. This means that putting country first not only means sacrificing when our country calls for it, but also fighting to protect the very values that makes this country what it is.

The military's plans to use the islands of Tinian and Pagan as presented in the CNMI Joint Military DEIS is not a choice between a casino industry and patriotism. The call to protect our islands and to reject a plan that is harmful to our people, our lands and natural resources, our economy and our inherent right to self-determination is one of the most patriotic actions that we as U.S. citizens can take. Our freedom to resoundingly say no to bad policy is one of our most cherished liberties and the most "American" thing to do.

DoD's proposed plans is a bad policy that will have long-lasting detrimental effects on the lives of the people of the CNMI, most especially my people of Tinian and those who plan to return to their home in Pagan. Let's agree to disagree about whether or not the military should use our islands for what will surely be destructive to our people, land and waters. But, please. It is not being ungrateful or unpatriotic for not wanting our children to grow up in a simulated war environment. It is not being ungrateful or unpatriotic for wanting to feed our families from the bounties of the land and the sea. It is not being ungrateful or unpatriotic for wanting to build an economy that will provide jobs for our people. It is not being ungrateful or unpatriotic for simply wanting to go to bed at night before 10 p.m. without having to hear the sounds of rockets, missile launchers, hand grenades and God knows what the military plans on detonating between the hours of 7am to 10pm as proposed in their plans. Let me be clear about what this is. This is a fight to stop a plan that will hurt my community. This is a fight to stop an unjust plan that will deprive the people of Tinian of our most basic freedoms.

As we celebrate Independence Day this 4th of July, may the bells of freedom also toll for the people of Tinian and Pagan. God bless America and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Joey Patrick San Nicolas
Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 20 to 25 mph.
▲85° ▼77°

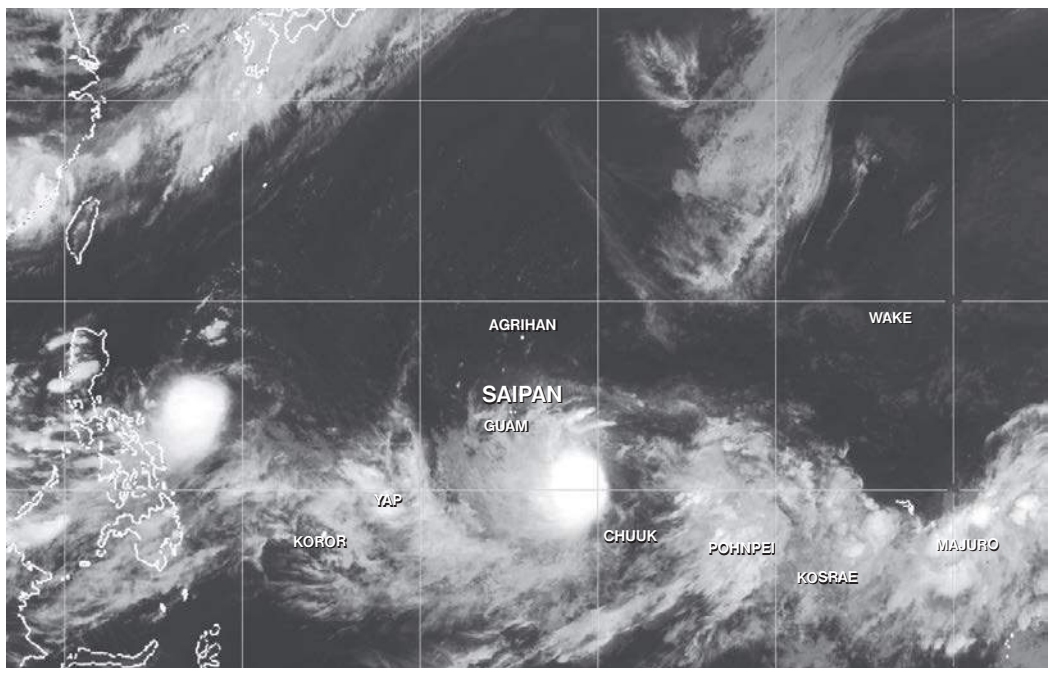
SATURDAY
Damaging winds. East winds 35 to 45 mph. Locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲83° ▼77°

SUNDAY
Damaging winds. Locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲83° ▼76°

MONDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
▲85° ▼76°

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with Isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Chan-hom (09W) is centered 630 miles east-southeast of Guam near 11N152E moving west at 18 mph with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph. Heavy showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring between 9N and 12N from 148E to 152E. For more information on Tropical storm Chan-hom, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough extends east-southeastward from 13N130E through Tropical Storm Chan-hom and another circulation centered southeast of Majuro near 7N172E to beyond 180 at 7N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen near Koror in an area bounded by a line from 7N130E to 10N136E to 12N130E back to 7N130E around Yap in an area bounded by 12N137E to 5N137E to 4N144E back to 12N137E and between Yap and Chuuk in an area bounded by 13N144E to 6N144E to 7N151E back to 13N144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen around Pohnpei, Kwajelein and Majuro between 3N and 11N from 154E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79

Around the Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲61	▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲88	▼65
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲90	▼82
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼69
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲54	▼42
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼80
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼67
Osaka	Rain	▲81	▼71
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲99	▼75
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼66
Rome	Sunny	▲96	▼73
Salem	Sunny	▲100	▼63
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼60
Tokyo	Rain	▲75	▼70
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲77	▼67

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:31 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
8:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:47 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.5 Feet
10:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Tuesday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:50 PM	6:42 AM
Saturday	8:43 PM	7:42 AM
Sunday	9:33 PM	8:41 AM
Monday	10:22 PM	9:40 AM
Tuesday	11:09 PM	10:39 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Suspected house burglar eats food then falls asleep

A man allegedly burglarized a house in Chinatown, stole some food and ate some, but later fell asleep at the scene on Wednesday before dawn.

When police officer Roque Camacho responded to the house, he saw the suspect, Christopher Romolor, still sleeping on the floor of the house's balcony next to the screen door.

Camacho saw curry sauce on Romolor's mouth and hands and found next to him a stolen plate of rice, box containing a dozen eggs, paper plates, and a container with cooked food in it.

Camacho woke up the 27-year-old Romolor, who was then arrested and detained for burglary and theft.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo reduced to $5,000 cash from the original $11,000 cash bail.

Police sought the $11,000 cash bail as they planned to file additional charges against the defendant.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that during an interview with another detective, Romolor claimed he doesn't remember what happened because he was drunk.

Pangelinan said Romolor also confessed to burglarizing Martha Store last April 21 and a storage room at the Aging Center last Jan. 27.

The defendant also admitted to burglarizing J&G Water Company. The date of the incident was not indicated in the report.

Pangelinan said that on Wednesday at 3:42am, Camacho responded to a disturbance call at the residence of Mohammed Mia located in Chinatown.

When Camacho arrived, Mia led him to the balcony of his house on the second floor of the building, where a man, who was later identified as Romolor, was sleeping.

The back screen door lock of the house was damaged. Mia identified all the food next to Romolor as belonging to him and his family.

Mia said he woke up at 3:30am because it's their religion's month of fasting. When he checked the rice in the kitchen, he noticed it was not there.

Mia noticed that their back screen door was open and when he checked it, he was surprised to see a man lying on the floor next to the screen door.

Mia got scared so he locked the screen door slowly and called the police. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Aqua Resort Club's general manager Kevin Tsurui, left, and F&B operation manager Rom Manzon pose at Vino's renovated bar area. The now tapa-style bar will be open to the public this month.

Aqua Resort celebrates 26 years on the island

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Aqua Resort Club is turning 26 on Sunday and although Saipan's piece of paradise doesn't have anything big planned as a celebration, they have actually been busy renovating and upgrading for their guests and customers.

Aqua Resort, which has been on the island since 1989, is special, according to general manager Kevin Tsurui.

"This is the first hotel that our company purchased in the Marianas," Tsurui said, "This means a lot to our president. This is very special."

Asked, what their secret is on staying long in the market, Tsurui said it's the fact that they don't give up.

"As a policy, we are not 'flippers.' We don't flip real estate. Our policy is to hold on to the real estate as long as we can and in doing so, we have a very strong intention to contribute to the local market," Tsurui said.

He added that even though sometimes the market is not good, they never thought of giving up.

"We take the hotel business as a longer term investment so we just don't get impacted by those short-term things," Tsurui said.

And with 26 years under their belt, Aqua Resort still hopes to stay in the island for a longer period of time.

"If I'm not mistaken, we have more than 20 or 30 years in our lease," Tsurui said, "I am so much looking forward to do business here for more years to come."

Changes

And as they move on to another chapter in the market, Aqua Resort made some changes, all in the hopes of providing a great place where tourists and locals alike can unwind and relax.

They are now upgrading their 91 rooms and suits' bathrooms, a move Tsurui deems only fitting as they have been operating for a quarter of a century already.

"We have done major work on that. We have eight clusters, and we have done six so far. By 26th of this month, every cluster will be finished," Tsurui said "About 80 percent of the renovation is done."

Aside from rooms, Aqua Resort also made changes in some of their facility.

Once you enter their lobby, you can now have a clear, uninterrupted view of the pool, the beach, and the sky as they have moved their barbecue tent to one side of the property.

They have also placed a beach bar where guests can lounge around and drink while enjoying the relaxing, serene view of Achugao Beach.

Spanish-style, tapa-style Vino Bar

But another major work that they have been busy with is the renovation of their bar.

From being a contemporary style bar, they are now making Vino a true-to-its-name, Spanish-style bar—something new not only for the resort but for the island as well.

"We have some work on the Vino Bar. It used to be just a plain, nothing-to-mention bar but we are turning it into a Spanish-style bar," Tsurui said.

"It's an old-fashion style but cozy and relaxing," food and beverage operation manager Rom Manzon, "There's no other Spanish bar on the island."

According to Manzon, they will be getting *vino* or wines and *cava* or champagne-like drinks straight from Spain. Their selection will include wines like crianza and tempranillo.

"Spain is the third leading producer of wine in the world. It is very competitive now in France and Italy," Manzon said.

What makes Spanish wines different, according to Manzon, is their grape mixing.

"Spanish wine is more on the bouquet that you can taste. And also, Spanish wines are best in mixing two or three kinds of grapes," he said.

Manzon said he is also looking for Spanish beers to add to their menu.

They will still be offering their trademark wines from other regions such as Robert Mondavi wines from Napa Valley, California.

But of course, a Spanish bar won't be complete without its tapas.

"It's a Spanish bar, of course it comes with tapas which is the most widely known in Spain. Tapas are like an appetizer but you can create small dishes out of them," Manzon said.

Just some of their offerings are lengua estofado con chorizo and paella. They will also have cheese platters.

"That's always good with wines," Manzon said.

Their menu will also offer suggestion on which wines are best paired with which tapa or cheese.

Not only are they focusing on the menu, the ambiance of the place will make you feel like you are in Spain as they are adding in Spanish-style entertainment. The first-ever white piano in the island will be moved to their main dining in Raraina, and will be replaced with a guitar that an entertainer will play.

Manzon said they will have a soft opening for invitees only on July 17, but they will be open to the public starting the 18th. He added that they will be having Happy Hour every day from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.

Celebrate with Aqua Resort

While we all wait on Vino Bar's reopening, Aqua Resort's Costa terrace restaurant and Raraina main dining will be offering buffets on July 5 from 11am to 2pm. They will have food offerings such as shawarmas and fajitas, sashimi, tempura, roasted ribeye beef, baby back ribs, and many more.

Guests will have a chance to win surprise gifts to be raffled away when they dine.

NMC, Coldwell Solar award 8 HS students scholarships

Northern Marianas College has announced that it has awarded Coldwell Solar Scholarships to eight deserving high school students who will be dual enrolled students.

The Coldwell Solar Scholarship, sponsored by Coldwell Solar International, is designed to provide college-ready high school students with access to enrollment in college level courses at Northern Marianas College while currently enrolled in high school. Each scholarship award covers the cost of tuition, fees, and books for enrollment in up to two courses in an academic year.

"The scholarships from Coldwell provides much-needed financial assistance for high school student who want to get an early start on their college journey," said NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart. "We congratulate the recipients of this scholarship and express our deepest appreciation to Coldwell Solar International for partnering with NMC to make this scholarship program possible, This is the first company to step forward to provide for students presently enrolled in high school but are eligible for federal financial aid."

According to Leo Pangelinan, NMC dean of Student Services, applicants for the scholarship needed to write an essay regarding the impact of the use of renewable energy sources in the CNMI. "It's clear the awardees this year had put a lot of thought and research into the opportunities and challenges for alternative energy in the CNMI. I hope this award serves as a catalyst for more of our high school graduates to study the problem of providing electric utilities to our community."

The recipients of the scholarship include Dianne M. Arnold, Grace Christian Academy; Lilly Jean K. Bautista, Kagman High School; Corlaine C. Camacho, Marianas High School; Balbina Mariana P. Concepcion, Marianas High School; Rebekah H. Kim, Northern Marianas Academy; Camille Joy Masilungan, Grace Christian Academy; Camille Joyce M. Ricafort, Marianas High School; and Robert L. Solis, Northern Marianas Academy.

Each student will be receiving more than $1,000 in scholarship funds.

Coldwell Solar International is a commercial solar provider licensed in the CNMI and is located at the Marianas Business Plaza. It's parent company, Coldwell Solar Inc. is based in Rocklin, with offices in Visalia, Burbank and Petaluma, California. The company is dedicated to providing effective, reliable and efficient solar energy solutions and services to business and utility clients.

"Coldwell Solar is always happy to provide an avenue for students to continue their education," said Coldwell Solar CEO Dave Hood. "This is a great new program to encourage high school students to go on to college. We will continue to support these types of programs and activities on Saipan and the CNMI." Dr. Hart had met with CEO Dave Hood and his staff earlier this year in Rocklin to discuss the interest in providing scholarships to NMC student.

"Our mission for the CNMI is to reduce utility costs by providing alternative commercial and utility scale solar projects," Hood added. ***(NMC)***

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The Northern Marianas College and Coldwell Solar International recently presented scholarships to eight deserving students. The recipients are (seated from left to right) Dianne M. Arnold, Camille Joy Masilungan, Balbina Mariana P. Concepcion, Lilly Jean K. Bautista, Rebekah H. Kim, Coralaine C. Camacho, Camille Joyce M. Ricafort, and Robert L. Solis. Also in photo are (second row, from left to right) Chavel Green, Business Department Chair; Timothy Kock, NMC CREES director; Barbara Marfalen, Dean of Academics & Programs and Services; James Glenn, NMC Foundation director; Dr. Sharon Hart, NMC president; Greg Koebel, Coldwell Solar International representative; Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services; Joana Palero, Financial Aid specialist; and Theresa Worswick, NMC counselor.

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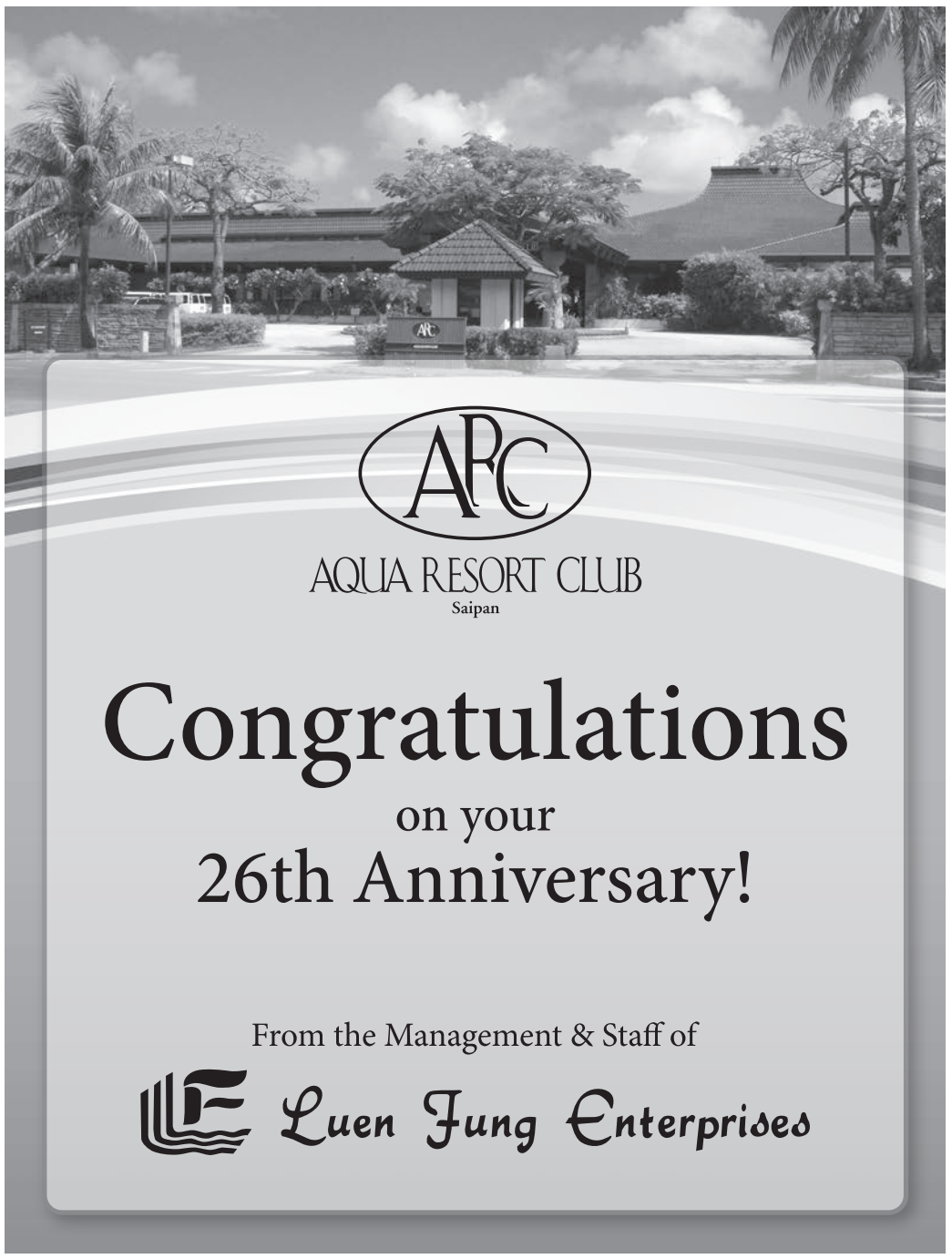

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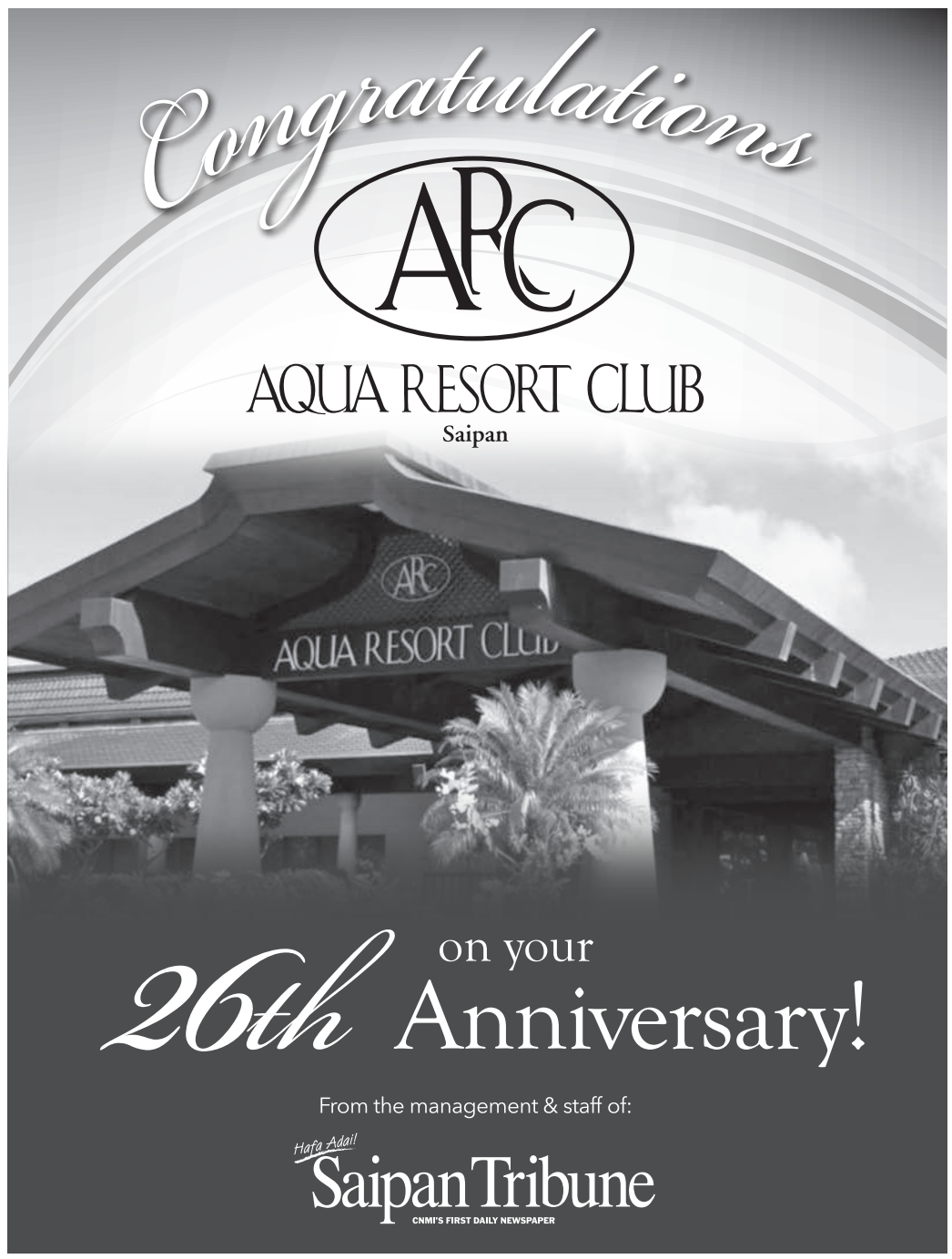

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To become a licensed nurse, candidates in the CNMI and in the U.S. mainland must first pass the NCLEX. To qualify to register for the course, students must have a minimum of an Associate's Degree in Nursing. The deadline to enroll in this NCLEX-RN Exam Preparatory Course is Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

The CNMI Area Health Education Center will subsidize this preparatory course for those who are CNMI Legal Residents (i.e. United States citizens and U.S. Green Card holders). Due to limited funding, subsidy will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Note: Students must submit a copy of their highest nursing degree and a valid ID, passport, driver's license, or birth certificate for verification upon registration.

The preparatory course dates will run during the following days: July 11, 2015 to Aug. 23, 2015 from 4pm to 7pm (Saturday), from 1pm to 4pm (Sunday), for a total of 42 hours. The preparatory course will be offered at the discounted price of $419.

To register, visit Building P, NMC Saipan; call 234-5498 exts. 6802, 6809, 6810, 6808; and/or send an email to Orrin Pharmin at orrin.pharmin@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

SVES opens registration for SY 2015-2016

San Vicente Elementary School has opened its registration for School Year 2015-2016 and the schedule is from July 1 to 31 for students from first to fifth grade. Registration is from 9am to 3pm in the school's main office.

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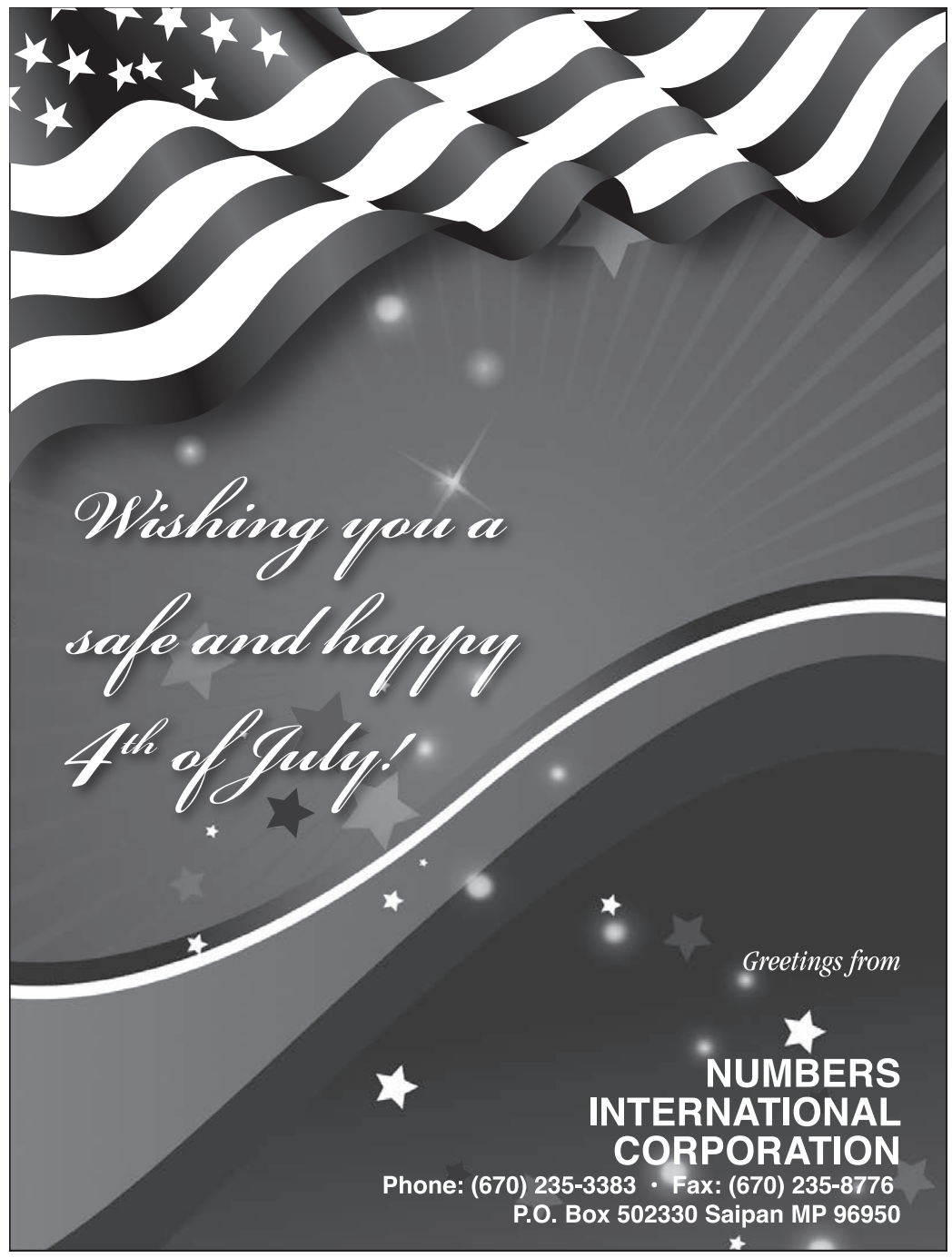
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‘What a Wonderful World’ to feature Saipan, Tinian

Over 200 million viewers on over 200 television stations in China will have the opportunity to learn about Saipan and Tinian in September 2015 on the program “What a Wonderful World.”

A five-person team from the program recently filmed extensively over eight days on the two islands for the show, which targets travel lovers.

According to MVA Marketing manager Bruce Bateman, the group gushed about the “very nice weather, great (Taste of the Marianas) event, beautiful flame trees blooming, seven-color ocean, warm and friendly local people, beautiful tropical fish and sea turtles, (and) amazing sunset.”

While on Saipan, the group took a submarine tour, filmed at Mariana Resort & Spa seaside chapel and Mandi Asia Spa, took a Let’s Go ATV tour on Mt. Tapochao, sampled local food with Hula Girl at Sabalu Market, and toured Marianas Tropical Liqueurs. They also took a Marpi sightseeing tour, enjoyed a lunch buffet at Kanoa Resort & Spa, and visited 888 DFS.

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“What a Wonderful World” filmed at Marianas Tropical Liqueurs in Saipan, escorted by Marianas Visitors Authority Marketing specialist, Laura Hsiao, second from left.

On Tinian, the group took island and off-road buggy tours, visited a shooting range, dined at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, took in stargazing, and went fishing.

“They especially enjoyed our famous Taga Beach,” added MVA Marketing specialist Laura Hsiao, who escorted the group during their tour. “When they went to film around 5pm, they saw the happy local kids and adults jumping into the water and they wanted to jump, too! They jumped and loved it so much. They hope to come back to Tinian for vacation. They saw a local family having a beach BBQ party, so they got their permission to film and interview the family. At Coral Garden and near Turtle Cove, the water is so clear and warm. They couldn’t believe that they could see so many tropical fish and sea turtles swimming around them.”

Upon their return to Saipan, the group continued their coverage at the NMI Museum of History & Culture, on a limo tour, at Coral Ocean Point Resort golf course and Double Eagle Restaurant, at Managaha, while parasailing, at Kinpachi Restaurant, during a BBQ lunch, at Paseo de Marianas and various stores.

The group lodged at Mariana Resort & Spa and Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino during their FAM tour. ***(MVA)***

CCA board meeting on July 14

The Commonwealth Cancer Association’s Board of Directors will be holding its regular Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 3pm at the CCA Conference Room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

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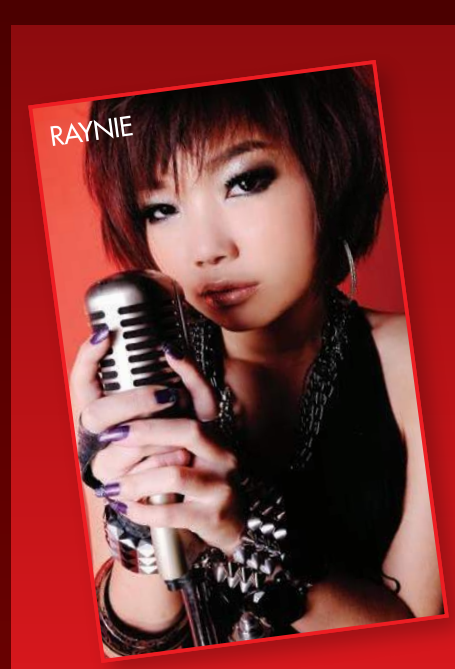

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TVBS' 'Insight People' interviews MVA

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Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio exchanges gifts with anchorwoman Georgina Fang of Taiwan's TVBS on June 29, 2015, at the MVA office in Saipan. Fang interviewed Tenorio for the Taiwanese television program "Insight People." Pictured from left are Fang, Tenorio, and Milane Tsai, MVA's Taiwan Office manager.

Taiwan's most influential television station TVBS interviewed Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio last Monday, June 29, for an upcoming episode of "Insight People," one of the station's most popular programs that features global leaders.

"Insight People" is on Saipan on a FAM tour of the Northern Marianas, which will be featured in a July episode of the show. The interview with Tenorio by anchorwoman Georgina Fang will help bolster awareness of the NMI in Taiwan, where the MVA has operated a representative office since 2013.

"Media FAM tours are a regular occurrence that the MVA assists with to help promote Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, but 'Insight People' also wanted to take the pulse of the tourism industry with an interview, which we were happy to accommodate," said Tenorio. "As our tourism promotion work in Taiwan continues to build awareness of the market, at this time visitors from Taiwan transit to the NMI through China, primarily. Our long-term goal is to eventually see the development of direct flights, and we continue to lay the groundwork in Taiwan for that."

"People" airs to an estimated 6.6 million viewers across Taiwan each week.

While on Saipan and Tinian, "Insight People" shadowed Elaine Lai, a high school tourism teacher and MVA's "Intern to the Marianas" contest winner. Sites visited on Saipan included the Northern Marianas Museum of History and Culture, Sea Touch marine animal encounter, snorkeling at the Grotto, boat cruise on *Stars & Stripes*, Star Marianas airplane tour, Mt. Carmel Cathedral, golfing at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, and visits to Island Infusions and scenic sites. On Tinian, the television station toured House of Taga, Chulu Beach, the Blow Hole, and World War II historic sites and filmed fishing and snorkeling. ***(MVA)***

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The RFP packet will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** and may be picked-up at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

Questions for this RFP may be submitted to Jocelyn Alvarez, via e-mail at **jaalvarez@dfems.gov.mp** no later than the close of business on **July 07, 2015**. Responses to questions shall be shared with other proposers.

The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and to waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

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At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in airport master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., JULY 24, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

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Date: June 19, 2015

Secretary Jewell to make first official visit to Guam

WASHINGTON—U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will visit the U.S. Territory of Guam on Monday, July 6, to further the United States' commitment to insular areas and Guam's importance to the region. Accompanied by Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina, Secretary Jewell will meet with Governor Eddie Calvo, address Guam business and community leaders and lay a wreath at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park.

Jewell

The trip will be Secretary Jewell's first official visit to the Western Pacific island, which serves as the regional transportation, communication and educational hub of Micronesia and hosts U.S. naval and air bases that are being upgraded as part of the Obama Administration's rebalance of U.S. forward deployed forces in the Asia-Pacific region.

The War in the Pacific National Historic Park, a unit of the National Park Service, honors the bravery and sacrifices of all those who participated in the Pacific Theater of World War II, including the indigenous Chamorro people of Guam, many of whom suffered starvation, torture and death during the Japanese occupation of the island from December 1941 to July 1944.

With a population of about 165,000 people, Guam is the largest and southernmost of the Mariana Islands chain, which is about 3,850 miles southwest of Hawaii and 1,200 miles southeast of Japan. The Marianas also include the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(PR)***

UOG graduate students recognized with Presidential Thesis Award

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Graduate students Maira Arriola, left, and Royce Camacho were recognized with the Presidential Thesis Award on May 13.

The University of Guam Office of Graduate Studies, Research and Sponsored programs recently presented the Presidential Thesis Award to graduate students Royce Camacho and Maira Arriola.

"I'm very pleased to see a growing interest in relevant topics that have meaning not only to this island but to the region," said Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. "I'm proud of UOG for providing an ecosystem of support for these two scholars."

Camacho, who received a Master of Arts in English, explored the various identities of former Sen. Angel Santos in his thesis titled, "The Writing on the Wall: 21st Century Imaginings of a Chamoru Rights Activist.

"I saw this void in the literature on his activism in terms of his writing," he said.

Arriola, who received a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology, used this opportunity to continue preliminary research from her senior honors thesis that focuses on the role of traditional healers in treating mental health. Her thesis is titled, "Patients' Perspectives on Indigenous Healthcare Received from Suruhanus and Suruhanas from the Pacific Island of Saipan."

"Often times, the literature focuses on the healers not the patients," she said. "My thesis is about celebrating our practices of traditional healing."

Along with plaques, the students were given a financial award of $500 each as recipients of the Presidential Thesis Award. Both Camacho and Arriola said it was an honor, noting the impact their studies have to the perpetuation of the Chamorro culture.

Students are selected at the end of the academic year after each graduate studies program submits its nominee for the award. A committee appointed by the graduate council then deliberates and chooses winners. This year, four students were nominated for the award.

"Receiving this award, I'm very moved," said Arriola. "It's an honor to continue the effort of our indigenous practices. I'm honored. I'm speechless. And I'm humbled."

Royce said that the University of Guam staff and English masters program have been invaluable to completion of his thesis.

"I can't imagine doing what I've done anywhere else," he said. "Being here makes it that much easier."

Arriola, who's originally from Saipan, said attending UOG from undergrad until now has been a great experience because she gets to be close to home but also surrounded by a larger academic community.

"It's a great opportunity," Arriola said. "I've grown as a person just being exposed to the university community." ***(UOG)***

Coast Guard Base Honolulu holds change of command ceremony

USCG

Capt. Edward Sheppard, commanding officer of Coast Guard Base Honolulu, salutes Rear Adm. James Heinz, the Coast Guard's director of operational logistics, during a change of command ceremony at Base Honolulu, on Oahu, June 30, 2015. The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition and formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of a command to confirm to the men and women of the unit that the authority of command is maintained.

HONOLULU—Capt. Edward Sheppard Jr. relieved Capt. Patrick McElligatt and assumed command of Coast Guard Base Honolulu during a change of command ceremony at Base Honolulu, Tuesday.

Rear Adm. James Heinz, the Coast Guard's Director of Operational Logistics, presided over the ceremony.

"I will sincerely miss living and working in Hawaii," said McElligatt. "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the commanding officer and to live in such a beautiful place."

McElligatt took command of Base Honolulu in June of 2013. He will be transferring to Coast Guard Headquarters, Office of Mission Support Integration, DCMS-5, in Washington, D.C.

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition and formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of a command to confirm to the men and women of the unit that the authority of command is maintained. The ceremony is a transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

Prior to reporting to Base Honolulu, Sheppard, a native of Delaware, served as executive officer of the Coast Guard Aviation Logistics Center. He also previously served as the ALC Short Range Recovery Product Line Manager where he was responsible for providing the overarching strategic vision, leadership and management of technical services, engineering support, supply, procurement and depot overhaul support to the Coast Guard's fleet of 101 MH-65 Dolphin helicopters at 18 air stations. Prior to reporting to the ALC, he was assigned as the Coast Guard Liaison to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Strategic Planning where he developed long-range strategic plans and oversaw the development of U.S. national policy documents. He graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1993 with honors and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and received a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 2002.

"Special thanks to the men and women of Base Honolulu," said Sheppard. "You have built an excellent reputation as a provider of world-class mission support. My family and I are excited about this amazing opportunity and I look forward to working with you."

Base Honolulu's mission is to deliver integrated mission support during routine and contingency operations throughout the 14th Coast Guard District's area of responsibility. The area of responsibility encompasses more that 12.2 million square miles in the Central and Western Pacific Ocean. ***(USCG)***

Port heavy weather condition X-ray set for ports of Guam, CNMI

SANTA RITA, Guam—On July 2, 2015, in preparation for the arrival of Tropical Storm Chan-Hom, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Guam has established port heavy weather condition (PHWC) X-ray for the ports of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, effective at 8pm.

In accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 160.111(c), the COTP hereby orders the following:

All commercial vessels must prepare to complete cargo operations and depart the Ports of Guam and the Ports of CNMI when PHWC Yankee is established. "Dead" ships or vessels/barges/drydocks unable to put to sea must make a prompt written application to the COTP.

Upon the setting of PHWC Yankee, which is estimated to be set at 8pm on July 3, 2015, all commercial vessels greater than or equal to 200 gross tons must depart and all inbound vessels are prohibited from entering.

Upon the setting of PHWC Zulu, which is estimated to be set at 8am on July 4, 2015, the port and marinas will remain closed to incoming traffic and all cargo and bunker operations will be suspended.

Any vessel or facility operator desiring a Captain of the Port waiver from the above restrictions must submit a written request. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Sector Guam Prevention and Compliance Department at (671) 355-4835 or the Command Center at (671) 355-4824. For general questions concerning the storm's predicted track, speed, or intensity, please contact the National Weather Service at 211 or (671) 472-0900. ***(PR)***

Business

Greece in limbo: Shuttered banks keep lifeline

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece braced for more chaos on the streets outside its mostly shuttered banks Thursday, as Athens and its creditors halted talks on resolving the country's deepening financial crisis until a referendum this weekend.

Banks have been closed all week to prevent a crash from mass money withdrawals, while a few have been reopened to help pensioners without ATM cards.

But they are still in business. The European Central Bank left the terms of its emergency $100 billion cash support to Greece unchanged, a day after Athens slipped into arrears with the International Monetary Fund and its bailout program expired.

The move kept chances alive for a settlement between Greece and creditors. And Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis publicly thanked the ECB and its president, Mario Draghi, for the decision.

"This allows us to breathe. It's a very positive move and a move of good will on the part of the European Central Bank. I welcome it," Varoufakis told state television.

Draghi, he said, had faced down "hawks" among eurozone members who had demanded that Athens increase collateral needed to receive continued assistance.

Asian stock markets advanced Thursday after gains on Wall Street as strong U.S. payroll data overshadowed worries about the Greek crisis.

Greece is seeking a third bailout from the eurozone rescue fund after the previous deal expired this week without agreement on the terms of final pay outs.

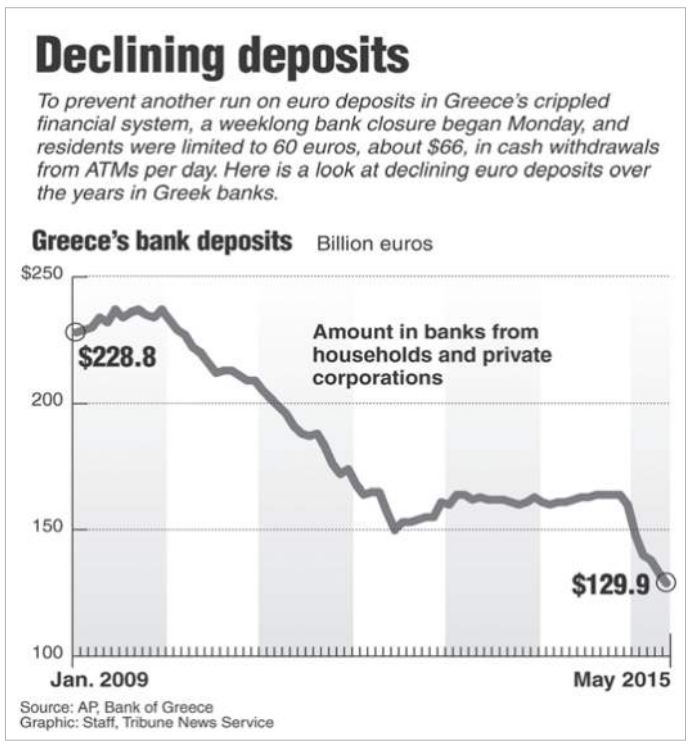
The impasse left billions bailout money frozen or canceled and saw Greece forced to close banks and its stock market for at least a week, while the country's left-wing government called a referendum urging voters to denounce the previous deal offered by creditors.

Eurozone finance ministers decided to put the talks with Greece on hold till the vote takes place.

"Given the political situation, the rejection of the previous proposals, the referendum which will take place on Sunday, and the recommendation by the Greek government to vote `No,' we see no grounds for further talks at this point," Dutch Foreign Minister and eurogroup chairman Jeroen Dijsselbloem said after a late-night teleconference.

"There will be no talks in the coming days."

In Athens, crowds of anxious elderly Greeks thronged banks Wednesday beginning before dawn, struggling to withdraw their maximum of 120 euros ($134) for the week after the government reopened some banks to help pensioners who don't have bank cards.


Declining deposits
To prevent another run on euro deposits in Greece's crippled financial system, a weeklong bank closure began Monday, and residents were limited to 60 euros, about $66, in cash withdrawals from ATMs per day. Here is a look at declining euro deposits over the years in Greek banks.
Greece's bank deposits
Billion euros
$250
200
150
100
$228.8
Amount in banks from households and private corporations
$129.9
Jan. 2009
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Source: AP, Bank of Greece
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Macy's dumps Trump; NY City reviewing contracts

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Macy's department store chain joined an ongoing exodus from association with Donald Trump and New Mexico's governor and New York City's mayor slammed him over his comments on Mexican immigrants.

Gov. Susana Martinez of New Mexico, the nation's only Latina governor and a rising star in the Republican party, added her voice Wednesday to criticism of the GOP presidential hopeful, denouncing his comments as "horrible."

Trump's presidential campaign announcement contained his assertion that some Mexican immigrants to the United States bring drugs and crime, and some are rapists.

New York City officials said Wednesday they are reviewing the city's contracts with Trump in light of his comments, and Mayor Bill de Blasio issued a statement calling them "disgusting and offensive," adding that "this hateful language has no place in our city."

The Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point Park opened in April in the Bronx and the Trump Organization has a 20-year concession agreement to operate the facility.

Representatives for Trump did not respond Wednesday to an email seeking comment on the city's review.

Trump's team was struggling to hold the Miss USA pageant together following defections by hosts, performers, judges and the two TV networks that were scheduled to broadcast the event on July 12. Trump owns the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants.

SUVs, muscle cars help auto industry maintain momentum

DETROIT (AP)—Americans again bought vehicles that sit up high and come loaded with features like backup cameras and smartphone capabilities in June. Horsepower was also in; gas-sipping not so much.

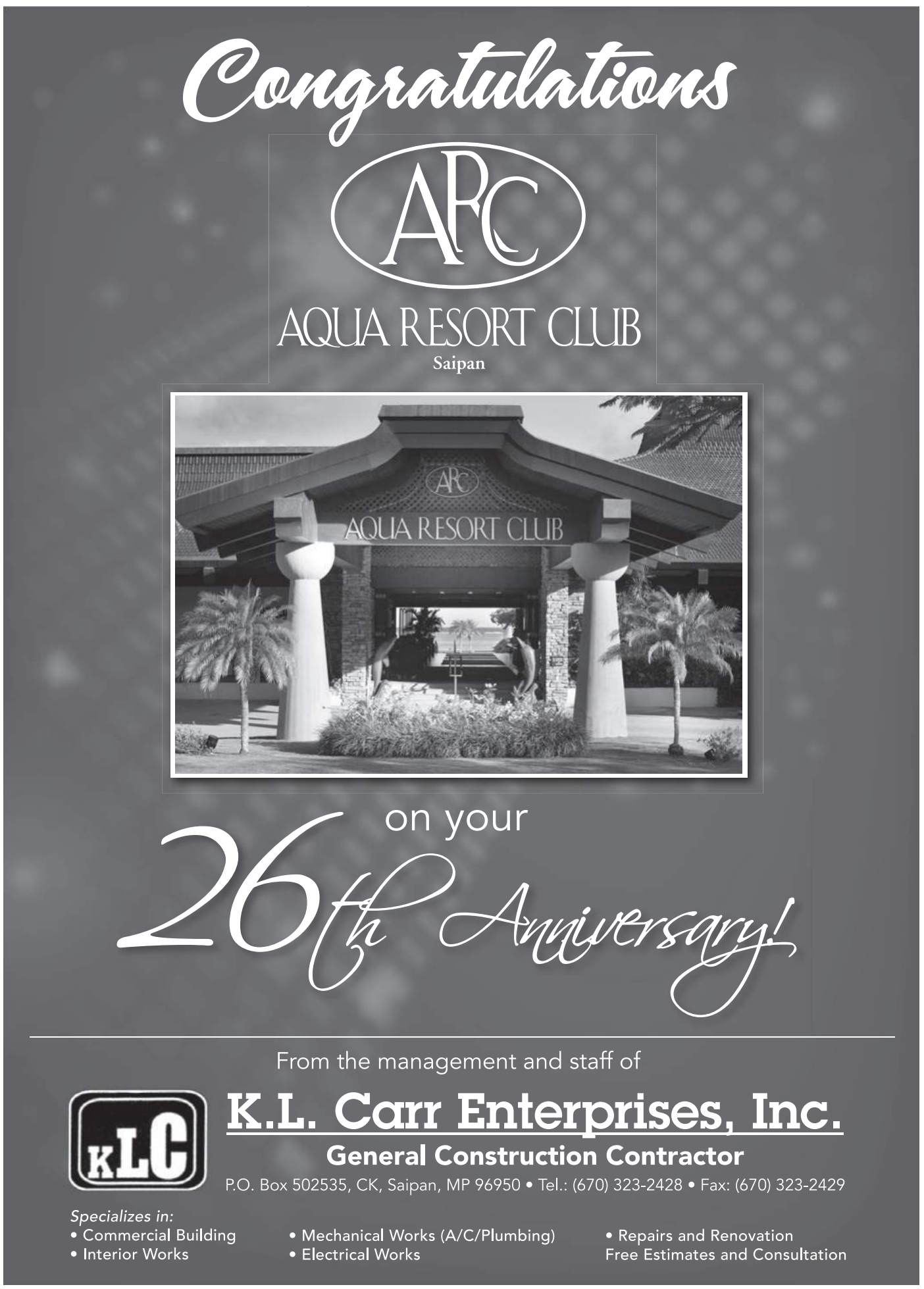
SUVs of all sizes continued to fly off dealer lots. Sales of the larger Ford Explorer rose 30 percent; Nissan's Rogue small SUV posted a 54 percent jump; and sales of the Jeep Cherokee gained 39 percent.

Total sales rose 3.9 percent over last June to 1.48 million, according to Autodata Corp. For the first half of the year, sales gained 4.4 percent to 8.5 million.

Buoyed by the momentum, the National Automobile Dealers Association this week raised its full-year sales forecast to 17.2 million vehicles from just under 17 million. The last time auto sales topped 17 million was in 2001.

Most automakers reported gains for June, led by Nissan with an increase of 13 percent. General Motors' sales fell, largely because the company cut back on sales to rental-car companies.

Consumers are finding a number of reasons to buy, including an improved job market, low interest rates, a robust stock market and low gas prices. Automakers are also helping themselves by introducing new vehicles faster and loading them up with desirable features. The average new vehicle cost an estimated $31,948 in June, according to the car-buying site TrueCar.com.



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ACROSS THE NATION

Episcopalians vote to allow gay marriage in churches

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Episcopalians voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to allow religious weddings for same-sex couples, solidifying the church's embrace of gay rights that began more than a decade ago with the pioneering election of the first openly gay bishop. The vote came in Salt Lake City at the Episcopal General Convention, just days after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide. It passed in the House of Deputies, the voting body of clergy and lay participants at the meeting. The House of Bishops had approved the resolution Tuesday by 129-26 with five abstaining. The Rev. Brian Baker of Sacramento said the church rule change was the result of a nearly four-decade long conversation that has been difficult and painful for many. Baker, chair of the committee that crafted the changes, said church members have not always been kind to one another but that the dynamic has changed in recent decades.

California cities show biggest water savings yet in drought

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California's drought-stricken cities set a record for water conservation, reducing usage 29 percent in May, according to data released by a state agency Wednesday. Regulators hope the savings will last through summer as California communities are under order to cut water use by 25 percent compared to 2013 levels. Gov. Jerry Brown announced his mandatory conservation order in April. Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the State Water Resources Control Board enforcing Brown's order, said the results show it's possible to meet steep conservation targets. "It's gratifying that far more communities are stepping up, and we want to see this much more through the summer," Marcus said. "It ends up putting off the need for much harsher rationing, which has greater impacts on people and the economy."

Witness: Man killed by police told officers 'shoot me'

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Two witnesses said an unarmed Mexican immigrant fatally shot by police in Washington state fought with an officer, threw rocks and told officers to shoot him before they opened fire, documents released Wednesday show. Witness Miguel Estrada, who was interviewed the day after the Feb. 10 shooting in Pasco, said he saw Antonio Zambrano-Montes throw rocks at officers then run away. In the files released by authorities, Estrada said Zambrano-Montes screamed at officers: "'If you are gonna shoot me, shoot me.'The death of the 35-year-old Zambrano-Montes was captured on video and sparked months of protests in the agricultural center in Eastern Washington.

A prosecutor is deciding whether the three officers who shot Zambrano-Montes should face criminal charges, a process likely to take months.

Confederate emblems 'treason,' says head of rights group

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The national president of a civil-rights group says Confederate symbols represent "treason" and should be removed from public objects, including the Mississippi state flag.

Charles Steele Jr., head of the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said Wednesday at the Mississippi Capitol that Confederate names should disappear from streets and structures. Debate about the prominence of Old South symbols reignited after the June 17 massacre of nine black worshippers at a church in Charleston, South Carolina.

"The Confederacy and what it stands for is treason," Steele said.

He said he believes if African-Americans had ever organized to overthrow the U.S. government, they would've been killed or deported, and the South needs to stop commemorating the Confederacy.

"We are saying that, `You were defeated, and you need to know you were defeated,'" Steele said.

Standing with about three dozen Mississippi residents, including several black elected officials, Steele said Mississippi should remove the Confederate battle emblem from its flag.

Mississippi state Rep. Jim Evans agreed.

"That flag is known around the world as man's inhumanity to man," said Evans, a Democrat from Jackson.

Since the Charleston killings, some Mississippi leaders have called for changing the flag the state adopted in 1894, with the Confederate X in the upper left corner. Mississippi House Speaker, Philip Gunn, a Republican, cites his Christian faith in saying the Confederate emblem is offensive and the state needs a flag that would unify people.

Republican Gov. Phil Bryant says Mississippi voters should decide the flag's fate. During a statewide election in 2001, people voted nearly 2-to-1 to keep the Confederate design.

Steele, a former Alabama state senator, specified two structures he thinks should be renamed in his home state: Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery, which was named decades ago for the top Confederate general and now has a mostly black enrollment; and the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, named for a Confederate general who became a Ku Klux Klan leader. Police attacked civil-rights marchers on the bridge in 1965.

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World

Benghazi, where Libya's uprising began, now a shattered city

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—The old courthouse in central Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city and the birthplace of the uprising against Moammar Gadhafi, is a shelled-out ruin - a testimony to the destruction and chaos that permeate this North African country four years after the civil war that ousted the longtime dictator.

The building is steeped in symbolism. It was here that the rallying cry first came against Gadhafi's 42-year rule. It was here that pro-democracy protesters and rebels first raised the tri-colored Libyan flag, replacing Gadhafi's green banner.

Now, the courthouse is ruin and rubble, like much of the rest of Benghazi.

Today, Libya is bitterly divided between an elected parliament and government that are cornered in the country's east, with little power on the ground, and an Islamist militia-backed government in the west. Hundreds of militias are aligned with either side or on their own, battling for power and turf.

The U.N.-backed talks between rival factions have not yet managed to strike a power-sharing deal. Meanwhile, Libya's Islamic State affiliate is fighting on different fronts, losing ground in its eastern stronghold of Darna while expanding along the country's central northern coastline.

For Benghazi, the past year was the worst. Near-daily street fighting has pitted militias made up of a myriad of al-Qaida-linked militants, Islamic State extremists and former anti-Gadhafi rebels against soldiers loyal to the internationally recognized government and their militia allies.

Once known for its mix of architectural styles left behind by Arab, Ottoman and Italian rule, this city—shaped like a crescent moon, hugging the Mediterranean Sea on one side and sheltered by the Green Mountain on the other—has lost the flair of times past.

Many landmarks have been destroyed, including much of the Old City, with its Moorish arches and Italian facades. The Benghazi University, its archives and department buildings have been hollowed-out, occupied in turn by militiamen who put snipers on rooftops and turned the campus into a warzone.

The last destruction—albeit not on this scale—that city elders remember was during World War II, when Benghazi was captured by the British. But the city was quickly rebuilt after the war, in part thanks to the country's new-found oil wealth.

WORLD BRIEFS

Japan police seek motive for self-immolation on bullet train

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese police on Wednesday searched the apartment of the man who set himself on fire on a high-speed bullet train, killing himself and another passenger, as officials sought clues to his motive. Investigators identified the man as 71-year-old Haruo Hayashizaki. He poured an oil-like liquid over himself and set fire to it at one end of a train car on Tuesday, filling the coach with smoke and killing himself. A 52-year-old female passenger died from suffocation after suffering throat burns. The train was traveling from Tokyo to Osaka. Investigators searched Hayashizaki's apartment in Tokyo, looking for clues to his actions. Television video showed them carrying out cardboard boxes filled with confiscated items. Police said they haven't yet determined the motive.

Lions returned to Rwanda 15 years after population wiped out

PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, South Africa (AP)—The sedated, blindfolded lions lay in the dirt, unwitting passengers about to embark on a 30-hour, 2,500-mile (4,000-kilometer) journey by truck and plane from South Africa to Rwanda, whose lion population was wiped out following the country's 1994 genocide. Then conservationists hoisted the limp bodies into crates, grasping big paws, thick tails and even the imposing heads of animals that earlier pounced on an antelope carcass used as bait to bring them closer to a veterinarian with a tranquilizer gun. The operation this week to move seven South African lions to Rwanda in east-central Africa is an upbeat tale in an otherwise challenging picture for wildlife on the continent, where poaching has surged and human encroachment is shrinking habitats. Lions are designated as vulnerable on an international "red list" of species facing threats. By some estimates, there are fewer than 20,000 lions in the wild, a drop of about 40 percent in the past two decades.

Indonesian crashed plane may have suffered engine problem

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia's air force chief said Thursday the military transport plane that crashed into a residential neighborhood of Medan killing 141 people had a propeller "abnormality" that indicates an engine stalled. Air Marshal Agus Supriatna told reporters the fact that the plane turned rightward after takeoff and was flying at a lower than normal speed also suggests an engine failure. Before crashing shortly after takeoff on Tuesday, the C-130 Hercules hit a 35-meter (115-foot) radio antenna, he said. "By hitting the antenna, I imagine it certainly affected the plane," Supriatna said. The search for bodies ended Wednesday. The plane was carrying 122 people and the impact also killed people on the ground.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS (DPL)
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 21, 2015

"LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN CHALAN KANOA, SAIPAN"

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of commercial leasing and developing the following public lands in the Lali 4 beach area:

1) Lot 060 H 03, containing an area of approximately 5,145 square meters, more or less, in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is; and

2) Lot 047 H 04, containing an area of approximately 1,384 square meters, more or less, in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available at the Department of Public Lands office, located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. A non-refundable fee of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (US $3,500.00)** is required to receive an RFP Packet. Payment must be made by certified or cashier's check payable to: ***Department of Public Lands.***

Interested proposers from overseas may request an RFP Packet by mail. The request must be received by DPL no later than July 17, 2015, 4:30pm ChST, reference **"RFP15-RED003 LEASE & DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN CHALAN KANOA, SAIPAN",** and include a certified or cashier's check payable to ***Department of Public Lands*** for the amount of US$3,500.00. RFP packets issued to proposers will be numbered for identification and shall not be copied for distribution to other parties. Requests and payment should be sent to the address shown below.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the contents of the RFP packet must be received, **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, July 17, 2015 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755
Email: pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp

Response to questions will be summarized and shared with all proposers in a "Question and Answer" format.

The DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All proposals shall become the sole property of the DPL.

PEDRO A. TENORIO, Secretary
Department of Public Lands

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-005

KAGMAN ROAD REMEDIAL WORK, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Kagman Road Remedial Work,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 26, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaiing the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 13, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 22, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-15-IFB-005**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 31, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 31, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 31, 2015** and must be received no later than **August 10, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 11, 2015.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **July 31, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Ninety (90) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (US$150.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

WIOA 2015 Summer Youth Employment Training Program Qualifiers

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL QUALIFIERS

*****Placements will be announced on July 7, 2015*****

SAIPAN QUALIFIERS

1 ADA, Richard William C.
2 ADERKEROI, Francia Ungil D.
3 AGULTO, Ramon Jose R.
4 AGUON, Juan Carlos B.
5 AGUON, Mariano Junior A.
6 AGUON, Mayleen Ann T.
7 AGUSTIN, Sherwin M. Jr.
8 ALARZAR, Jan Rae M.
9 ALARZAR, John Ralph M.
10 AMANDUS, Cathy K.
11 AMANDUS, Tyrol
12 ANDY, Myron J.
13 ANSAY, Faith Rose Y.
14 ANSAY, Rich Angel Y.
15 APATANG, Bonita B.
16 BABAUTA, Brandon John T.
17 BABAUTA, Veronnie Ann S.
18 BABAUTA, Versalli R.
19 BABAUTA, Vinae Remae S.
20 BALBIN, Isaac Jae P.
21 BALBIN, Neyzaxeria Pinailugh B.
22 BALBIN, Nikolai Jay P.
23 BAYOT, Edryan M.
24 BILLY, Billy John A.
25 BILLY, J-lyn A.
26 BORJA, Franicia S.
27 BUEKIS, Florens Nafaman II C.
28 BUNUSEK, Jang J.
29 CABRERA, Dorcy Ann C.
30 CABRERA, Jonathan John A.
31 CABRERA, Zachary Jay C.
32 CAMACHO, Carmanda Carmen A.
33 CAMACHO, Darren James B.
34 CAMACHO, Isabel Rosa R.
35 CAMACHO, Joshua Michael Jr. A.
36 CARONAN, Edfel D.
37 CELESTE, Wilson Kenneth C.
38 CHARGUALAF, Caitlin DLG
39 CHONG, Francisco P.
40 CRUZ, David Jesse M.
41 DANFORD, Bobbie Jean II
42 DAWE, Angel G.
43 DAWE, Jess G.
44 DAWE, John G.
45 DEDIOS, Ferdinand Jr. G.
46 DEJILLAS, Reyleann Monica M.
47 DELA CRUZ, Cody James J.
48 DELA CRUZ, Kelvin Joshua T.
49 DEMAPAN, Joel John P.
50 DIAZ, Katherine Maire C.
51 DIONISIO, Frederick Kyle K.
52 DIONISIO, Mario Alberto K.
53 DIZON, Reanna Lyn DLC
54 DOCA, Ronald Andrew DLC
55 ELIAS, Isak J.R. R.
56 ENISER, Jason Michael
57 ESNER, Kinisou Tamison C.
58 ESNER, Krysner C.
59 FABIAN, Ternin S.
60 FAISAO, Jonavan Christopher C.
61 FAISAO, Kayleen Jennifer T.
62 FAISAO, Quirin Jay T.
63 FEJERAN, Jayjay Benigno S.
64 FERNANDEZ, Marijean F.
65 FERNANDEZ, Marvin F.
66 GILDILAK, Joseph Sumed C.
67 GUERRERO, Leneah Jade T.
68 HAYAG, Camille M.
69 HAYAG, Christine Sofia M.
70 HIGGINS, Mathen Pehmen P.
71 HONORIO, Encabo R. II
72 IDERBEI, Grant R.
73 IDERBEI, Jovanny R.
74 IDERBEI, Lennox R.
75 IGISOMAR, Leony Jane
76 IGITOL, Alvilina Divine S.
77 ILO, LITIWSAAR MIYOCO
78 ISKAWA, Rdechor Jr. T.
79 JACK, Zakari James
80 JAIMATOON, Manny P.
81 JOHNNEY, Keteny I.
82 JOHNNEY, Memoria May I.
83 JONES, Jesseme L.
84 JONES, Jesslyn L.
85 JONES, JJ L.
86 KAAINOA, Joelyn Deann M.
87 KAIPAT, Alosia Betty
88 KAIPAT, Christine Mary W.
89 KAIPAT, Dante Peterson
90 KAIPAT, Mariano Jayson W.
91 KAIPAT, Monalisa C.
92 KAIPAT, Pauleen-Malona W.
93 KAPILEO, Kurt Kyle T.
94 KASIAN, Roca I.
95 KEREMEN, Angela H.
96 KEREMEN, Mieko Reikonin H.
97 KING, Austin John M.
98 KING, Kursha Jo'an M.
99 LANGU, Richiko N.
100 LANIYO, Minola Jane I.
101 LEGASPI, Ryman L.
102 LEO, Lorenzy Monique E.
103 LEON GUERRERO, Nathan Drew H.
104 LIZAMA, Bryanna Marie B.
105 LIZAMA, Dorothea Camen D.
106 LIZAMA, Jack David D.
107 LIZAMA, Roque R.
108 MAFNAS, Eric John I. Jr.
109 MAFNAS, Tahani Cherise I.
110 MAGOFNA, Angeles Victoria K.
111 MAGOFNA, Penina Anastasha B.
112 MAGOFNA, Rickie Ann K.
113 MAGOFNA, Trinidad Felisa B.
114 MAI, Bettina F.N.
115 MANABAT, Maria Elena P.
116 MANALO, Jaybriana Marie B.
117 MARALIT, Jefren P.
118 MARALIT, Jirelle P.
119 MARATITA, Anabeata Maria C.
120 MARATITA, Donnina Elisa C.
121 MENCHOR, Mackson M.
122 METTAO, Jesse Ray O.
123 METTAO, Jim Gary O.
124 MEYERS, Nicole Q.
125 MICHAEL, James K.
126 MONI, Charity R.
127 MOSES, Brandon Lee S.
128 MUNA, Angela G.
129 MUNA, Camille Heloann G.
130 MUNA, Christy Ann G.
131 MUNA, Jennica Jazell I.
132 NEMEK, Brandon
133 NGIRACHELIONG, Delsita I.
134 NGIRAROIS, Troy
135 NIKITI, Teipo A,
136 NITEY, Hefer E.
137 NOBLE, Maria Abigail T.
138 NOBLE, Maria Angelica T.
139 OCAYA, Jacquelyn P.
140 OCAYA, Jordan Ace P.
141 OKARURU, Jerica Emelyn E.
142 OMAR, Damian J.
143 OMAR, Jeremiah Daniel J.
144 OMELAU, Andruw Antero R.
145 OMELAU, Martin Herman R.
146 OMELAU, Sheris Llusch R.
147 OMENGKAR, Kody Adrian M.
148 OMENGKAR, Kory Adam M.
149 ONOPWY, Brandy
150 OSCAR, Nancy A.
151 OSIAS, April Rose U.
152 PALATTAO, Allison Sheena G.
153 PALEMAI, Triana Pelma I.
154 PANGELINAN, Jonisha Alexis K.
155 PANGELINAN, Lordina Gineanne H.
156 PANGELINAN, Nathaniel Anthony
157 PAUL, Julius M.
158 PETER, Mfred
159 PINEDA, Sean Bennett D.
160 QUICHOCHO, Norman Martin A.
161 QUILALA, Jeze May H.
162 QUIMSON, Shiela Marie E.
163 RAY, Greyleen
164 REBUENOG, Lance Bernard H.
165 REGINIO, Celso M. Jr.
166 REGINIO, Daniella Marie M.
167 RELEVANTE, Rolliem A.
168 RELEVANTE, Tins Meirull
169 RENGIIL, Peterson K. Ray
170 REYES, Anthony Angel C. Jr.
171 REYES, Jerome V. Jr.
172 RIOS, David Junior E.
173 RIOS, Esteana A.
174 RIOS, Shaina Grace
175 RIUNGEL, Ricky Joe N.
176 ROBERT, Velma Ann S.
177 ROBERT, Vincent Bert
178 RUDOLPH, Hansan-Sam T.
179 SABLAN, Ryan Noel D.
180 SABLAN, Victoria Tinag D.
181 SABULAO, Kinaling Rose L.
182 SACHUO, Demson M.
183 SAN NICOLAS, Daniel Adrian A.
184 SANTOS, Angel T.
185 SANTOS, Dean Anthony Jr. M.
186 SANTOS, Patrick Jerome Jr. W.
187 SANTOS, Peter Jason B.
188 SASAMOTO, Zachary Jaime B.
189 SEBAKLIM, Laurina Ann D.
190 SEKOOL, Jerica Jersica P.
191 SEKOOL, Jersey P.
192 SEMAN, Mildred Joanna O.
193 SIECH, N-nes
194 SINOUNOU, Francisco J.
195 SUDA, Corina Mae
196 TAITANO, Shanalyn N.
197 TAMAN, Derek S.
198 TAMAN, Jason S.
199 TAMBIGA, Tichina Junemar S.
200 TAULE, Christian William O.
201 TEDTAOTAO, Juanna Josefina
202 TEREYAMA, Fermina C.
203 THEODORE, Kiana M.
204 THEY, Finson O.
205 THEY, Itheyvin O.
206 TIPINGENI, Joeann S.
207 TIPINGENI, Joethy Ystor CH.
208 TOMEI, Rodlee O.
209 TOMEI, Romney O.
210 UMBAY, Jasmine R.
211 VINUYA, Marie Janie A.
212 WABOL, Sirena Schupi R.
213 WEILBACHER, Germaine Andrea
214 WEILBACHER, Jasmine Brianne
215 WOL, Isabel Kayna T.
216 YUGUMANG, Jared

Orientation and Work Readiness Workshop for Saipan Qualifiers is on Friday, July 10, 2015 at the Multi-Purpose Center from 8:00am-5:00pm.

TINIAN QUALIFIERS

1 ALDAN, Brandon M.
2 ALDAN, Ha'ani K.
3 ALDAN, Perry M.
4 ATALIG, Themica Moesha
5 BALAGTAS, Roselynn G.
6 BARCINAS, Jan Kristopher G.
7 BARCINAS, Kenya Jade A.
8 BARCINAS, Shainna Jean A.
9 BORJA, Billy Dean M.
10 CABRERA, Anthony E. Jr.
11 CABRERA, Elsa Lyn A.
12 CABRERA, John Jerick T.
13 CABRERA, Phillip A.
14 CRUZ, Shawn Michael P.
15 DELA CRUZ, Aila Dina M.
16 DELA CRUZ, Jesus Francisco SN
17 DELA CRUZ, Manel Joseph Jr.
18 HOFSCHNEIDER, Edwin Jesus M.
19 HOFSCHNEIDER, Hannah Rose M.
20 MAITAS, Kenjiroho B.
21 MANGLONA, Zachary Peter P.
22 MANIBUSAN, Cumi Jake DLR
23 MANIBUSAN, Floicia DLR.
24 MARATITA, Keanalyn Kelsey A.
25 MARATITA, Victoria Susana A.
26 PANGELINAN, Joanna M.
27 PUA, Drake Dominic M.
28 SAN NICOLAS, Corey Jess A.
29 SAN NICOLAS, Stefan Fritz DLC
30 TAITANO, Amisha Ann B.
31 TAITANO, Peter David B.
32 TAITANO, Robeen Jane B.
33 UNTALAN, Kenneth B.

Orientation & Work Readiness Workshop is on Thursday, July 09, 2015 at the Northern Marianas College (NMC)-Instructional Site Room: D from 8am-4pm.

ROTA QUALIFIERS

1 APATANG, Deann Donica H.
2 APATANG, Devin Alfred H.
3 BARCINAS, Jeb S.
4 BARCINAS, John S. Jr.
5 BORJA, Anika Hope A.
6 CABRERA, Luraina Dee
7 HIZON, Raccine Gerard R.
8 HOCOG, Taylor Ann O.
9 LIZAMA, Austin Dre A.
10 LIZAMA, Daniel R.
11 LIZAMA, Ignacio Jr. II
12 LIZAMA, Pauline Benett R.
13 LIZAMA, Va'ina A.
14 MANALANG, Catherine L.
15 MANGLONA, Brendon A.
16 MANGLONA, Randall A.
17 MANGLONA, Roman M. III
18 MANGLONA, Vincent Thomas M.
19 MASGA, Darlene P.
20 MASGA, Ronierick S.
21 OGO, Fabian B. Jr.
22 QUITUGUA, Noah Cole B.
23 RANGAMAR, Dannuell P.
24 RANGAMAR, Darien P.
25 TAIMANAO, Palanga Tiara B.

Orientation & Work Readiness Workshop is on Wednesday, July 08, 2015 at the Northern Marianas College (NMC)-Instructional Site Room: A1 from 8am-4pm.

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Is inviting qualified U.S Citizens to apply for the following vacant positions

Position: (1) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (4) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 3 years work experience as F&B supervisor, preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skills are a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (1) PAINTER
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a painter. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) PLUMBER
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years plumbing experience, preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment, and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather and able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) STEWARD SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in stewarding; 1 year experience as stewarding supervisor. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Must have strong knowledge of sanitation procedure and heath codes and implementation. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (1) ACCOUNTING ANALYST- Accounts Payable/Disbursements
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting is preferred. 3 years progressive experience in accounts payable and general accounting experience. Strong knowledge of relevant computer software application, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required. ¬

Position: (2) ACCOUNTING ANALYST- Accounts Receivable
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. 3 years progressive experience in accounts receivable operations. Must have strong knowledge of relevant computer software applications, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) COST ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost of regular menu items and assists banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business, or finance is preferred. Minimum of 3 years work experience as cost accountant, preferably in a hotel. Proficient in computer software applications, particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. Minimum of 3 years progressive work experience as a purchasing supervisor, preferably in a hotel or fast-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments, and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Experienced with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) FOOD AND BEVERAGE ASSISTANT
Qualifications: 3 years experience and responsibility in management level in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel is preferred. Strong customer and people skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Strong organizational and time management skills are necessary. Knowledgeable on sanitation and health regulation and implementation thereof. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (2) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 1-2 years previous work experience as guest relations agent in a high volume hotel is highly preferred. Language speaking skill in Japanese, Korean or Chinese is advantageous. Strong customer service and communication skills are essential. Must have good problem solving skills. Must be able to multitask and is a team player. Knowledge of computer applications is required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: 4 years progressive experience as an income auditor preferably in a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets; knowledgeable with accounting software particularly in SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: 6 months to a year of experience in the housekeeping industry in a high volume hotel. Must show documented success during 6 months to a year of progressive experience and responsibility in management level. Proficient in a hotel property management system and computer software applications. Excellent time management and organizational skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays. Must be able to stand on feet for long periods of time.

Position: (1) DIRECTOR OF ROOMS
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years progressive experience in a comparable position in a luxury hotel operation. Excellent guest service and resolution skills. Strong knowledge of all aspects of Rooms Division operations; strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Must have the flexibility to meet the demands of a 24 hour operation and the ability to work comprehensively with spreadsheets and budgeting packages. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (3) HOUSEKEEPING CLEANER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 6 months to 1 year prior cleaning experience in a large building complex is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Must have attention to detail, working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Can work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, holidays, and back-to-back when necessary.

Position: (1) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
Qualifications: 2 years experience as a general maintenance worker in repairing or replacing defective equipment parts, using hand tools and power tools and reassemble equipment is required. Must be able to work independently. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills. Able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (6) COOK
Qualifications: 2 years experience as a cook in international cuisine is required and preferably from a high volume restaurant or hotel. Must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated, and organized. Must be able to work under pressure and adaptable to last minute work preparation. Able to work nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (2) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: High School Graduate or GED. Must be able to work under extreme pressure, stand on feet for long periods of time and work in a heated environment. Strong organizational skills. 2 years previous experience as a lead cook in a high volume restaurant or hotel. Is able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING
Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or Business preferred with a minimum of 6 years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales, marketing techniques, and financial principles. Effective ability to communicate orally or in written form effectively with co-management, internal, and external customers. Fluency in Japanese language is highly preferred. Able to work in the field on occasion and travel off island to attend sales meetings as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: (1) ELECTRICIAN
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience as electrician in industrial, commercial, and residential building electrical works. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (1) MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: BA in accounting and minimum 7 years progressive experience in finance and accounting management preferably in a hotel of high volume. Proficient in the use of SAP, R3, FICO software, and other hotel's front office and POS systems. Must have a clear understanding of internal audits and annual audits. Strong written and verbal communication, interpersonal and customer service skills. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays whenever necessary.

Position: (1) MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR
Qualifications: 4 years of progressive experience as maintenance coordinator in a large building complex or hotel is highly preferred. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Must have the ability to multitask and have good time management skills. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: (1) FRONT DESK MANAGER
Qualifications: Must have a minimum of 3 years experience in Front Desk Management in a high volume hotel or full service hotel. Strong communication skills both written and verbal are necessary; demonstrated leadership abilities. Must have an energetic and dynamic personality and able to multitask. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) NIGHT AUDITOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in hotel internal auditing preferably in a high volume hotel. Strong knowledge of mathematics and their applications. Excellent customer and interpersonal skills. Effective communication and strong computer skills are essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) LAUNDRY ATTENDANT
Qualifications: Employees in these occupations need anywhere from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations. Experience as a laundry worker is required, preferably in a high volume hotel or establishment such as a hospital. Must be able to lift and carry 35 pounds. Must be able to stand on feet throughout work shift. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, back-to-back, nights, and holidays. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Position: (1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Qualifications: A minimum of a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting. 5 years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable and accounts receivable, or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledge and ability in the use of a personal computer and software applications particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records; ability to work effectively under stressful conditions. Able to communicate both written and oral. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and weekends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Position: (1) IT MANAGER
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledge of website technologies. 3 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in a multi office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the Executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent verbal and communication skills; strong management skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) SUPERVISOR, GENERAL ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. 4 years progressive work experience as an accountant in supervisory level. Must be computer literate and proficient in accounting software application particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Must have strong organizational skills and be a team player. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: (1) FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR
Qualifications: 5 years of progressive responsibility in food & beverage from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant in management position. Experienced in managing food costs, upholding menu standards, and controlling inventory. Must be able to create event-specific menus for occasions as banquets, conferences, and catering meetings. Knowledgeable of serve safe sanitary procedures and health codes, overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (2) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years experience in front office in a supervisory capacity and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends, and nights.

Position: (1) MAINTENANCE MANAGER
Qualifications: 5 years of skilled and increasingly responsible experience in building construction or maintenance work of which 2 years shall have been in management level. Knowledge of tools, materials, working practices and methods of the building trades, equipment, working procedures and methods required in a hotel property and grounds maintenance program, and in the repair and minor construction of hotel facilities, landscaping, plant propagation, soils, insecticides and gardening tools, laws affecting maintenance, repair and construction of the hotel facility, principles of supervision, training and management. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) SALES EXECUTIVE- KOREAN MARKET
Qualifications: 1 year progressive experience in sales & marketing. Excellent oral and written communication in English and Korean. Must have a personable and charming personality. Has good presentation, reasoning, and negotiation with clients. Highly motivated and results-oriented. Can work effectively within the sales support teams for the achievement of guest satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company's vision and values. Must be willing to extend and work for long hours when necessary. May be required to travel off-island to attend sales meetings when necessary. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (3) FOOD & BEVERAGE SENIOR SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience as a supervisor in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or full service hotel. Excellent customer service skills, organizational and communication skills are essential. Knowledgeable with health, fire and sanitation regulations. Proficient with POS system. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) SUPERVISOR- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Qualifications: College graduate, major in accounting is preferred OR 2 years progressive experience in account payable operations in supervisory level. Strong personal computer skills is essential. Proficient knowledge in using SAP, FICO, and R3 accounting systems. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when necessary.

Position: (1) MASON
Qualifications: Knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment, and materials. Skill in the construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. 3 years masonry or bricklaying experience is required. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (5) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years hotel experience in housekeeping at a supervisory level. Must have excellent communication skills and basic computer knowledge. Strong customer and interpersonal skills. Good stamina – is able to stand on feet for long period of time and can lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) ROOM RESERVATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years progressive work experience in rooms reservations in a supervisory level is required and preferably in a large volume hotel. Creative conflict resolution skills are essential to this position. Ability to use reservation software and manage guest database. Must be organized and posses strong communication and interpersonal skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: BA degree in mechanical engineering or related field AND 4 years of mechanical engineering or related experience OR 8 years of mechanical engineering or related experience OR any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills, and abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a varied schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (2) STEWARD SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 3 years experience in stewarding; 1 year stewarding supervisor experience. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on Health and sanitation procedure and implementation. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: (14) WAIT STAFF
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. 2 years of actual experience as wait staff is highly preferred. Ability to calculate figures, volumes and mathematical conversions. Ability to respond to common inquiries complaints from customers. Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively in English, multilingual desirable, preferably Japanese, Korean, and Chinese (but not required). Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (2) BAKER
Qualifications: Six months to one year experience in creating breads and other baked goods, such as cakes, pies, and other pastries. Strong math skills, detail oriented. Familiar with baking equipment. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods of time, and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds easily without any assistance. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: (1) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Qualifications: 3 years progressive experience as a restaurant manager and preferably from a high volume restaurant or hotel. Strong communication, interpersonal, and customer service skills are essential. Requires ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Requires much of your time on your feet, moving between different areas and restaurant outlets. Fluency in the Japanese language is highly advantageous. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) ASSISTANT MANAGER- ROOMS DIVISION
Qualifications: Two years experience as an Assistant Rooms Division Manager in a high volume hotel is preferred. Excellent customer service skills and ability to communicate effectively with customers and management team. Proficient with hotel property management system and computer software applications are essential. Must have profound knowledge in rooms management. Ability to speak and write in Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than July 7, 2015.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans, and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Man jailed for not paying $749 fare for 300-mile cab ride

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP)— Police say a man who took a 300-mile cab ride across Pennsylvania to surprise his fiancee has been jailed because he couldn't pay the $749 fare. Police say 35-year-old New York City resident John Williams Jr. took the taxi from Philadelphia to Uniontown with his children early Saturday. But when they arrived in Uniontown, authorities say, Williams refused to pay the bill, and the cab driver called police. Police say Williams told them he didn't have cash and "his credit card was maxed out for the day." The *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* reports that Williams was charged with theft of services. He was jailed on $2,500 bail to await a preliminary hearing July 7.

Man charged with robbing same New Jersey bank 5 years later

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—A Philadelphia man robbed a New Jersey bank four months after he was released from prison for robbing the same place five years earlier, prosecutors said. Authorities said 54-year-old Keith Ney entered the Cape Bank in Atlantic City on April 23 and gave a teller a note that said he had a gun. Prosecutors said he stole an undisclosed amount of cash. As Ney was fleeing on foot, a bank employee approached a police officer on traffic detail and said the bank had been robbed, authorities said. Ney was immediately spotted and taken into custody. Ney had been released from prison Dec. 9 and was still on supervised release.

2 share pageant title after miscount, but one is upset

WINSLOW, Maine (AP)— One winner of a teenage Miss 4th of July pageant is upset. The other agreed to share the title but isn't talking. And the pageant organizer is defending herself from accusations she rigged the results. Molly Lybrook, 17, of Fairfield, said she won the Winslow Miss 4th of July Pageant on Saturday. But organizers discovered votes had been miscounted and declared Caitlin Grenier, 14, of Winslow, the winner. As a compromise, organizers said both teenagers would be crowned winners. The Morning Sentinel reported that Lybrook believes organizer Leah Frost influenced the results. She said Grenier and Frost's sister are friends.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-005-15 (AIP PENDING)**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, Project No. CPA-SA-005-15"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015,** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS.** Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, Friday, July 10, 2015,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifcations, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

June 22, 2015
Date

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-003

Repair and Renovation of Basketball Court District 3 Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **the Repair and Renovation of Basketball Court District 3 Chalan Kanoa,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 19, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars **(US$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 08, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 17, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.
The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-15-IFB-003**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 03, 2015.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. local time, on **July 21, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Century Hotel

Is inviting qualified U.S Citizens to apply for the following vacant positions

Position: (1) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (2) HOUSEKEEPING CLEANER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 6 months to 1 year prior cleaning experience in a large building complex is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Can work flexible schedule including weekends, nights, holidays, and back-to-back when necessary.

Position: (1) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: 2 years experience in front office in a supervisory capacity and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends, and nights.

Position: (1) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 1-2 years previous work experience as guest relations agent in a high volume hotel is highly preferred. Language speaking skill in Japanese, Korean or Chinese is advantageous. Strong customer service and communication skills are essential. Must have good problem solving skills. Must be able to multitask and is a team player. Knowledge of computer applications is required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (2) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
Qualifications: 2 years experience as a general maintenance worker in repairing or replacing defective equipment parts, using hand tools and power tools and re-assemble equipment is required. Must be able to work independently. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Must be a team player and has good interpersonal skills. Able to work flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Position: (1) A/C REFRIGERATION TECHNICIAN
Qualifications: ER preference. High school graduate must be able to read electrical wiring diagrams and control diagrams. Should be able to troubleshoot refrigeration A/C and refrigeration equipments. Electrical experience is a must and experience is a plus. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Applications may be obtained and submitted to the Security Office of Fiesta Resort & Spa located on the South Wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of applications to be considered is July 6, 2015.

Century Hotel is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-006

Repair and Maintenance of Children's Park in Precinct 5, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **the Repair and Maintenance of Children's Park in Precinct 5**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 19,2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars **(US$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

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Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-15-IFB-006**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time **August 03, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. local time, on **July 21, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Life & Style

Emmitt Smith, Flo Rida out of Miss USA, Macy's dumps Trump

NEW YORK (AP)—Rapper Flo Rida, the Macy's department store chain and football Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith all had something in common on Wednesday: They're the latest to distance themselves from Donald Trump following his remarks about Mexican immigrants.

The Republican presidential hopeful's team is struggling to hold the Miss USA pageant together following defections by hosts, performers, judges and the two television networks that were scheduled to broadcast the event on July 12. Trump, who fired back at Macy's, owns the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants.

Flo Rida had been the highest-profile performer scheduled for Miss USA in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and his representative confirmed Wednesday that he would not perform. Country singer Craig Wayne Boyd, winner of "The Voice" last year, and pop singer Natalie La Rose, whose single "Somebody" hit the Billboard Top Ten this year, also dropped out. There were no more announced performers.

Smith, the former Dallas Cowboys running back who was a judge for Miss USA, cited Trump's statement and NBC's decision in backing out. He said that knowing how much women prepare for the event, he sent his best wishes to the competitors.

HGTV "Property Brothers" star Jonathan Scott was also one of the pageant's judges but backed out, too, saying on Facebook that he could not support Trump's views.

"We are all on this big rock together," he said, "and I choose love."

Trump's presidential campaign announcement contained his assertion that some Mexican immigrants to the United States bring drugs and crime, and some are rapists. The comment struck many Latinos as insensitive, and Univision's decision last week to back out of televising Miss USA and break off its business ties with Trump led to a cascade of others following suit. Trump responded by suing Univision on Tuesday.

Macy's said in a statement that the retailer is "disappointed and distressed" by Trump's remarks and will end its relationship with him. Macy's has carried a Donald Trump menswear line since 2004, including $70 button down-shirts and $65 striped ties. Most items were heavily discounted on Macy's website on Wednesday.

AP

People hold signs in front of Macy's Herald Square flagship store, Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in New York.

Robber killed in shootout with ex-anchor's husband at motel

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—A cross-country road trip got derailed for a former CNN anchor and her husband after a would-be robber forced his way into their motel room and a shootout ensued.

Lynne Russell told reporters Wednesday that her husband, Chuck de Caro, decided to stop at a Motel 6 on Albuquerque's western edge because they were tired after a long day of traveling. When she went out to the car to get something and returned to the room, a man was at the door with a handgun.

"He pushed me into the room and that's when my husband came out of the shower and saw what was happening," Russell told Albuquerque station KOB-TV (http://bit.ly/1FS3UMz). "We tried to calm him, confuse him and do everything we could do to just come out of it in one piece."

After grabbing her husband's briefcase, the man started shooting at de Caro. Russell ducked behind the furniture and de Caro fired back, hitting the man.

The robber was killed and de Caro was wounded.

"It was a gun battle, and Chuck was bleeding heavily, but he didn't stop firing because the man was firing on him," Russell told The New York Post (http://bit.ly/1gbNeel).

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Russell said her husband was shot three times and was recovering at a hospital but she did not immediately know his condition.

"He's in a lot of pain," she said. "He took three shots, including a couple to the abdomen. But magically, his organs were not affected.

"He's my hero. He saved my life," Russell added.

Albuquerque police did not release names of those involved, and a spokesman, Officer Tanner Tixier, said it appeared to be a random robbery attempt.

"They weren't targeted for who they were," Tixier said. "We believe the offender didn't realize the victim's husband was in the motel (room). He believed he had an easy target. That turned out not to be the case obviously."

Russell said the shooting happened four days into the couple's trip.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-15-019

NAVY HILL PRESSURE IMPROVEMENT & WATERLINE PROJECT – PART B

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Navy Hill Pressure Improvement & Waterline Project– Part B in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of installation of 4"Ø Distribution line; relocation and reconnection of existing service laterals; installation of new service lateral mains; cut & cap of existing waterlines; booster pump by-pass system; replacement of non-working water meters; and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 150 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **July 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-019, Navy Hill Pressure Improvement & Waterline Project – Part B to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 4, 2015,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurance questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the CUC Board of Directors and Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission approval. If CUC Board and CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 17, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Project Manager via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Nicolette Villagomez - nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org, Project Engineer.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

JOHN RIEGEL
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center
Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-004

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pathway Lightings, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids from qualified General or Electrical Contractors for **the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Pathway Lightings**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after June 19, 2015 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to One Hundred Dollars **(US$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on July 08, 2015, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. **A mandatory site visit will follow immediately after the pre-bid conference with the contracting office**. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on July 17, 2015 to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.
The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening**.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-15-IFB-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 21, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 21, 2015** and must be received no later than **July 30, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 03 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. local time, on **July 21, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General**. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;

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JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

MARIAN ALDAN-PIERCE
MVA Board Chair

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Billy Joel bests Elton John, sets new record at MSG

NEW YORK (AP)—Billy Joel set a record for most performances by a single artist at Madison Square Garden with his 65th show Wednesday night, besting Elton John.

The Piano Man was full of energy as he performed for a feverish crowd of all ages in New York City for more than two hours. He sang hits like "Uptown Girl," "We Didn't Start the Fire," "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me" and "Only the Good Die Young."

"Welcome to Madison Square Garden - the center of the universe," he said as 20,000 fans roared.

"I didn't know I'd be here 65 times, amazing," Joel said. "I want to thank you very much for making this possible."

A banner rose to the top of the stage in honor of Joel's 65th show. Actor-comedian Kevin James came onstage to help the veteran musician celebrate.

"I am so proud and honored to be part of this historic evening," James said. "I feel like body surfing, though we'd probably set another record for most injuries at a concert."

The 66-year-old Joel, who was born in the Bronx, played piano for most of the night, but also rocked on the guitar and harmonica. He has been performing at MSG once a month since last year.

"I really believed a long time ago if I didn't have a record every year on the charts, it would just go away. People would stop coming," he said. "It's amazing - I haven't had a record on the charts in 22 years."

Joel was excited throughout his performance, which featured his top notch band. At one point, he was spinning the microphone stand in the air and it landed on his face. He quickly recovered, threw the stand in the air and caught it - earning yet another standing ovation.

'Ant-Man' Paul Rudd gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It's a big honor for "Ant-Man."

Paul Rudd, who plays the incredible shrinking hero in the upcoming Marvel film, got a star Wednesday on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Rudd, who's also appeared in a string of Judd Apatow movies, received star No. 2,554 on Hollywood Boulevard.

City News Service says Rudd joked that millions of people will be able to see his star and ask the same question he did when he read the names on the sidewalk stars as a kid: "Who's that?"

AP

Paul Rudd is honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in Los Angeles.

Laurence Fishburne to star in 'Roots' miniseries remake

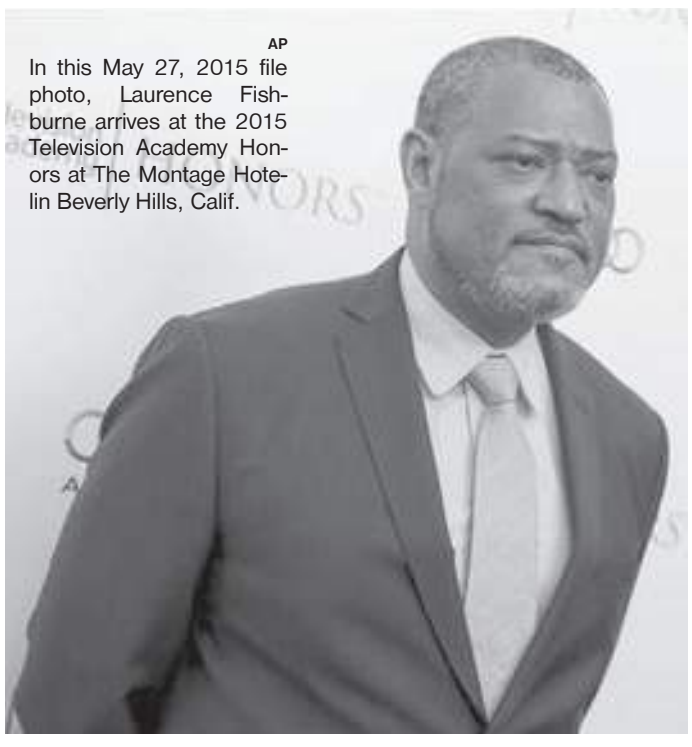
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Laurence Fishburne is joining the "Roots" miniseries remake.

A&E Networks said Wednesday that Fishburne will play writer Alex Haley, whose novel about his African-American ancestry was the basis of the original TV miniseries.

The new project will draw on the late Haley's novel, "Roots: The Saga of an American Family," along with new research, A&E said. The 1977 ABC miniseries was a ratings sensation.

Fishburne is a Tony Award-winning stage actor ("Two Trains Running") and Oscar nominee ("What's Love Got to Do With It"). He's become a familiar presence on TV in series including "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "Hannibal" and ABC's comedy "black-ish."

No air date or other casting has been announced for the "Roots" remake that will debut simultaneously on the History, A&E and Lifetime channels.



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In this May 27, 2015 file photo, Laurence Fishburne arrives at the 2015 Television Academy Honors at The Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

TV Land pulls 'Dukes of Hazzard' reruns from its schedule

NEW YORK (AP)—TV Land has dumped "The Dukes of Hazzard."

The network is confirming that reruns of the 1980s action comedy, with its Confederate flag imagery, have been pulled from the schedule.

This marks the latest effort to banish the racially charged Stars and Bars from pop culture after various states began debating whether to remove the flag.

Warner Bros., which produced the series, last week halted production of toy replicas of the so-called General Lee, the 1969 Dodge Charger stock car driven by rambunctious Southern cousins Luke and Bo. The car famously features a replica of the Confederate flag on its roof.

Retailers including Walmart and eBay have stopped selling merchandise bearing reproductions of the flag.

"The Dukes of Hazzard" originally aired on CBS from 1979 to 1985.

Customs officials recover idol looted from Indian temple

NEW YORK (AP)—Customs officials in New York have recovered a bronze religious statue from the 11th or 12th century that they say was looted from a temple in India.

The New York office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Wednesday an anonymous collector voluntarily surrendered the idol. It says the 2 1/2-foot idol was looted from a temple in Tamil Nadu at the southern tip of India and will be returned to India.

Customs agents say the collector bought the object in 2006 and was given false provenance papers.

ICE says the bronze statue would sell for as much as $1 million if offered on the market.

The idol's recovery is part of a three-year investigation into former New York-based art dealer Subhash Kapoor, who's awaiting trial in India on looting charges.

AP

This undated photo provided by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement shows a bronze religious statue. U.S. customs officials say the statue was looted from a temple in India.

Girlfriend expects fireworks when her parents meet his

DEAR ABBY: I have been with "Tom" for two years, and I suspect that he will be proposing soon. He is 27 and I'm 24. Here's the problem: He wants our parents to meet before he asks.

Abby, I have put this off because I'm sure they will have nothing in common. My parents are small-business owners and conservative. His parents are pot-smoking swingers—literally.

How do I prepare my parents (and myself) for what I expect to be a tense and uncomfortable meeting? Should I suggest talking points? Should I fill my parents in on what is to come? I want this to go as smoothly as possible. I would appreciate any wisdom you may have.

NO WORDS ON THE WEST COAST

DEAR NO WORDS: Your dilemma reminds me of the plot from the movie "Meet the Fockers."

I'm sure the one thing your parents WILL have in common is a desire for you and your boyfriend to be happy together. Building on that, you and Tom should talk to your folks and prepare them for the encounter. Trying to hide or minimize their differences would do no good because they will soon become obvious. Do not waste your time or energy preparing "talking points" for Tom's parents, because if they show up stoned, they probably wouldn't be able to remember them.

DEAR ABBY: Three months ago, my sister "Diane" said she would like to get the family together for some professional family photos. The photographer she chose was available only on one particular day. Unfortunately, my husband couldn't get off from work that day.

Diane then suggested we take the pictures without him. I said it was inappropriate and refused. When I asked if we could use a different photographer at another time, my sister told me to forget the whole thing.

Today I was visiting my parents and I saw the family photos —taken without me, my husband and our child. I had no idea they had gone ahead and taken the pictures without us. I am angry and hurt. I'm especially mad at my mom because she knew how bothered I was that Diane suggested excluding my husband.

Am I justified in feeling this way? Should they have waited until the whole family was able to get together? Or should I suck it up and not expect everyone to accommodate my husband's work schedule?

OUT OF THE PICTURE IN HOUSTON

DEAR OUT OF THE PICTURE: Yes, yes and yes.

DEAR ABBY: Until my daughter was 18, we did all the traditional birthday celebrations. On her 18th birthday, she turned the tables saying, although she was born on that day, I had done all the work of giving her life.

Now, at her request, we spend her special day celebrating each other. She takes me to dinner and buys me flowers, and I let her. And now on my special day, I do the same for my own mother.

This has become a tradition, and my grandchildren now follow it. The only gift necessary is the time we give each other.

APPRECIATED IN IDAHO

DEAR APPRECIATED: I like your daughter's idea very much. It makes perfect sense to me. In my opinion, what makes any holiday special is the time people who care about one another spend celebrating together.

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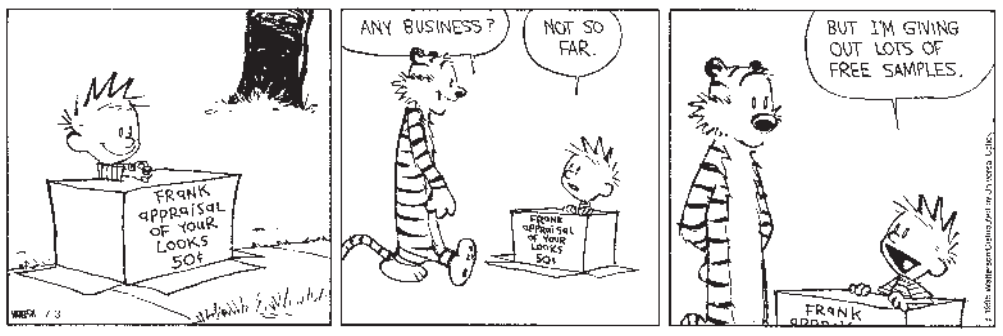

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By Jim Davis

LIZ, LET'S NOT ARGUE
ARGUE? WHY WOULD WE ARGUE?
BECAUSE I'M ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING INCREDIBLY STUPID
THERE'S HOPE FOR THAT BOY YET
JIM DAVIS 7-3

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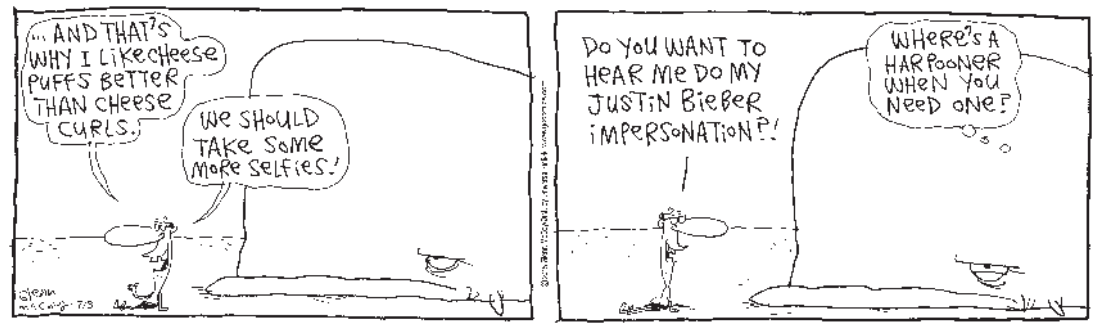
By Bryan Basset

LAURA, "LIVING IN THE NOW" ISN'T SOME WAY OF AVOIDING WORK. IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.
EVER HEARD THE SAYING, "REGRET AND FEAR ARE TWIN THIEVES WHO ROB US OF TODAY?
YEAH. I HAVE.
HAVE YOU HEARD "THE ELECTRICITY BILL IS DUE IN TWO WEEKS"?
WHO IS THAT? YEATS?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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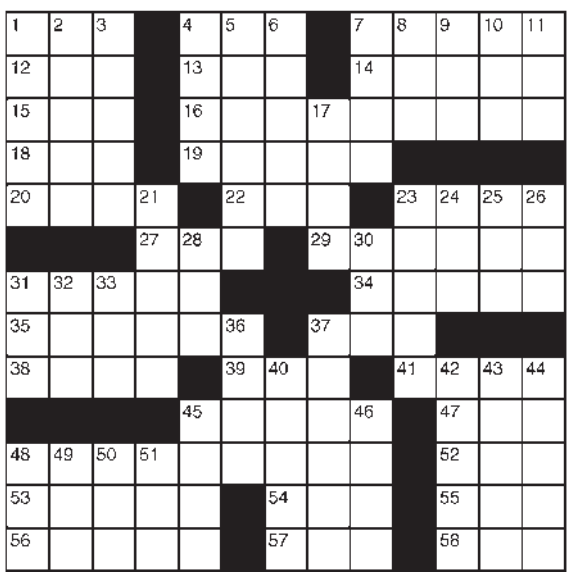

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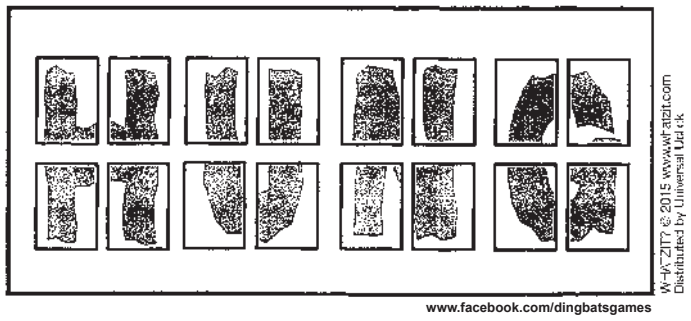

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Love stays, Chandler moves; dollars fly in free agency

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In this April 23, 2015, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers forward Kevin Love, right, looks to pass during the first quarter of a first-round NBA playoff basketball game against the Boston Celtics in Boston. After all the speculation and intrigue surrounding Kevin Love's foray into the free agent market, the star power forward ended up right where he said he would all along—in Cleveland.

NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Love has unfinished business in Cleveland and Tyson Chandler will be conducting his in Phoenix.

The first full day of NBA free agency featured skyrocketing salaries and a flurry of moves, though no decision yet from LaMarcus Aldridge. Players and teams agreed to more than $1 billion worth of deals.

Love made his choice quickly, opting to stay with the Cavaliers on a five-year deal that could be worth more than $110 million. He revealed his decision in a piece in The Players' Tribune.

"We have unfinished business and now it's time to get back to work," Love wrote.

Jimmy Butler and Mike Dunleavy also stayed put in Chicago for around $115 million combined, Goran Dragic is remaining in Miami and Paul Millsap will stick with Atlanta.

But Paul Pierce and plenty other players were on the move with salaries soaring ahead of next year's new TV contracts that might make Wednesday's action seem tame next summer.

"I LUV that the players are bank rolling, capitalize and seize the moment," Hall of Fame guard and TNT analyst Reggie Miller wrote on Twitter. "Trust me the owners and the league are making money, so should you."

Chandler will get his in Phoenix, taking $52 million over four years to leave Dallas, while Atlanta's DeMarre Carroll agreed to a deal with Toronto for $60 million over four years. Pierce then left Washington to reunite with former Boston coach Doc Rivers with the Los Angeles Clippers on a $10 million contract.

Terms of all the deals were confirmed to The Associated Press by people with knowledge of the details. They were granted anonymity because contracts can only be agreed to during the first week of free agency. They can't be signed until July 9, after next season's salary cap is set.

Millsap was rewarded for his strong play in Atlanta with a three-year deal worth about $59 million, as the Hawks made sure not to lose both starting forwards after Carroll's departure.

Aldridge was busy meeting with teams for a second straight day while he decides whether to leave Portland. His representatives wrote on Twitter on Wednesday afternoon that he had made no decisions, even following reports that the Lakers had been eliminated.

The Spurs were among the teams hoping to land him and were making moves to entice him. They dealt Tiago Splitter to Atlanta to clear cap space and re-signed guard Danny Green, who got $45 million for four years.

Aldridge was among the top big men available when the market opened early Wednesday morning, considered by many the best one who might consider moving. The Clippers' DeAndre Jordan was another top big man on that list.

There had been speculation Love might bolt after one season in Cleveland, though he had said repeatedly he planned to stay. He said he had been in contact recently with management and his teammates, alluding to spending time poolside with LeBron James.

"Yeah, of course I've heard the free agency rumors," Love wrote. "But at the end of the day, and after meeting with my teammates (it turns out pools are great meeting places) and with the front office, it was clear Cleveland was the place for me. We're all on the same page and we're all in."

In a market filled with big men, the little guys were also getting theirs. That includes around $90 million for Dragic in Miami and $70 million for Brandon Knight in Phoenix - where he took over the ballhandling duties that Dragic handled before he was dealt to the Heat.

Khris Middleton also received $70 million to remain in Milwaukee following his strong season. He and Carroll were two of the top wing players available and the Raptors paid well to get the latter, though they also lost forward Amir Johnson to Boston.

At hot-for-Wimbledon, Venus nears Serena showdown

LONDON (AP)—Venus Williams is no longer the player she once was, on account of the passage of time and the day-to-day ups and downs of an energy-sapping condition.

At age 35, 21 years removed from her first professional tournament, Williams still possesses a dangerous serve, along with the muscle memory that comes with seven Grand Slam singles titles, five at Wimbledon.

And so while it is her younger sister Serena who is ranked No. 1, has 20 major titles and owns a 23-match Grand Slam winning streak as of Wednesday, the elder Williams is still in the draw at the All England Club, too - and the siblings are closing in on what would be their 26th all-in-the-family matchup on tour.

"She probably comes back here and, you know, I think, she almost feels like this is home," said David Witt, Venus' coach. "When you have confidence, you have everything. That's with any sport. And I guess when she gets here, it's a confidence thing."

On the hottest day on record in Wimbledon history, with the temperature topping 95 degrees (35 degrees Celsius)—and a terrific day for American women—both Williams sisters won second-round matches: 16th-seeded Venus beat 95th-ranked Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan 7-6 (5), 6-4, while top-seeded Serena defeated 93rd-ranked Timea Babos of Hungary 6-4, 6-1.

Two more wins, and the siblings will meet in the fourth round.

"She poses a big threat for me," Serena said about Venus.

They pulled out of doubles on Tuesday, citing "soreness" for Serena, who wants to focus on her pursuit of a fourth consecutive Grand Slam title.

Four other women from the U.S. won Wednesday, including two real surprises: 158th-ranked qualifier Bethanie Mattek-Sands eliminated No. 7 Ana Ivanovic, the 2009 French Open champion, 6-3, 6-4; and 47th-ranked CoCo Vandeweghe, the niece of former NBA player and executive Kiki, beat No. 11 Karolina Pliskova 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Also advancing: No. 21 Madison Keys, who finished off a match suspended because of darkness at 2-all in the third set a night earlier, and Sloane Stephens.

A pair of U.S. men moved on, too: No. 17 John Isner and 105th-ranked wild-card entry Denis Kudla, who followed up his victory over No. 28 Pablo Cuevas by getting past 18-year-old Alexander Zverev.

"A few years ago, I was being asked, `What happened to U.S.A. tennis?' And I said, `Well, it comes and goes.' I think there were a lot of younger players coming that showed promise," the 30-year-old Mattek-Sands said. "Sure enough, I think we have a really strong contingent of American players and it's really good to see."

She is halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam in doubles with Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic. Serena, meanwhile, is halfway there in singles, and so far this week has a pair of straight-set victories after playing five three-setters at the French Open.

After dismissing Babos on Centre Court - where a small electrical fire in a mechanical room set off alarms once play was done for the day - Serena was able to settle in front of a TV to watch Venus finish off Putintseva.

"I always root for Venus," Serena said. "She's been through a lot in her career. She's really playing well."

So far at Wimbledon, that is certainly true, including a 6-0, 6-0 victory in the first round.

Against Putintseva, Venus' 29 winners included seven aces, and she reached 122 mph (197 kph) on a serve in the final game.

Venus last won the grass-court Grand Slam tournament in 2008; three years later, she announced that she has Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease that can cause joint pain and fatigue.

Her nearly 2-hour match Wednesday was the last on Court 3, and wrapped up at about 9 p.m., by which point it was much cooler than earlier. The Met Office, Britain's official weather service, said the temperature reached 35.7 degrees Celsius (about 96 degrees Fahrenheit) at its closest observation site, about 1 degree Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit) higher than the previous tournament record, set in 1976.

Woods returns to The Greenbrier Classic, preps up for British Open

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP)—In its infancy, The Greenbrier Classic was friendly to first-time winners and re-energized the careers of veterans who had been stuck in a rut.

Tiger Woods will take anything positive at this point.

Woods failed to advance to weekend play in his only other appearance in West Virginia in 2012 and, starting Thursday, will try to avoid missing the cut in consecutive tournaments for the first time in 21 years. In 1994, he failed to advance to the weekend in all three PGA Tour events he entered.

Woods, who's getting ready for the British Open in two weeks at St. Andrews, has broken 70 only twice in 16 rounds this season.

"I've gone through stretches like this," Woods said after his pro-am round Wednesday on the eve of the tournament on the Old White TPC course.

After posting the highest 36-hole score (156) of his pro career and missing the cut at the U.S. Open two weeks ago, Woods took his children to the Bahamas and enjoyed snorkeling.

"I didn't touch a club for a while," Woods said. "It was nice to have a summer break with them like that, especially after the way I played."

Bubba Watson wouldn't mind more rest after a grueling playoff win last week at The Travelers Championship. He admits sleep is high on his priority list.

"I'm tired," Watson said. "I'm worn out. Mentally, the energy level is just not there."

At least he gets to sleep in his own bed. Watson moved into a house built last year at The Greenbrier. His wife, Angie, played in his pro-am group Wednesday along with New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton and former NBA coach Mike D'Antoni.

Watson is the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 3 in the world. Others in the top 20 at The Greenbrier are J.B. Holmes (13), Patrick Reed (15) and Louis Oosthuizen (18).

This tournament, now in its sixth year, has a penchant for low scores and brings some extra incentives.

Stuart Appleby shot 59 to win the inaugural Greenbrier Classic in 2010. The tournament handed trophies for the first time to rookies Scott Stallings in 2011 and Ted Potter Jr. in 2012 and gave Jonas Blixt his second tour win in 2013.

Stallings and Blixt are back, along with 2014 champion Angel Cabrera and runner-up George McNeill. Cabrera's two-stroke win was his first in a tournament other than a major. McNeill learned after his round was over that his older sister, Michele McNeill, had died of cancer that day.

This year the top four finishers not previously eligible for the British Open will earn spots at St. Andrews, provided they are among the top 12 and ties.

Carrasco loses no-hitter, but Indians whip Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Carlos Carrasco came within one strike of throwing the Cleveland Indians' first no-hitter since 1981 on Wednesday night, giving up an RBI single to Joey Butler over leaping second baseman Jason Kipnis' glove in an 8-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

For the third straight night, the Indians took a perfect game into the sixth inning against the Rays. This time, Carrasco retired the first 19 batters before walking Butler with one out in the seventh.

Washington's Max Scherzer lost his perfect game with one strike to go on June 20 but finished with a no-hitter, the second in the major leagues this season.

Carrasco walked Astrubal Cabrera leading off the ninth, then hit pinch-hitter Brandon Guyer with a pitch. Grady Sizemore, also pinch hitting, grounded into a force play and Kevin Kiermaier struck out to bring Butler to the plate with a crowd of 11,394 at Tropicana Field on its feet.

Butler lined an 0-2 pitch over Kipnis, who jumped high in the air to make an attempt at the ball and fell flat to the ground as the line drive landed cleanly in the outfield. Carrasco smiled, clapped into his glove several times and pointed at the second baseman in appreciation of his effort.

The 28-year-old right-hander was lifted after his career-high 124th pitch and Austin Adams got the final out. Carrasco received pats on the back and hugs in the dugout after his 13 strikeout performance.

"I just started laughing," said Carrasco, who has a home in nearby Tarpon Springs, Florida, and estimated he had about 25 family members and friends at the game. "I don't know, That was my reaction."

The last Indians' pitcher to throw a no-hitter was Len Barker, who had a perfect game against Toronto on May 15, 1981.

Astros 6, Royals 5

In Houston, Jose Altuve had three hits and scored the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning to help Houston complete a three-game sweep of Kansas City.

The game was tied at 5 in the seventh when Kelvin Herrera (1-2) plunked Altuve on the forearm. Altuve stole second and reached third on a lineout. He put Houston on top when he beat the tag at the plate on a fielder's choice by Chris Carter.

Dodgers 4, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Kike Hernandez had three hits, including a triple and a double, and Brett Anderson pitched seven strong innings for his third straight victory as Los Angeles defeated Arizona.

The NL West-leading Dodgers beat the Diamondbacks for the ninth time in the past 10 meetings and recorded their first winning road trip of the season with a 6-4 mark in the 10-game swing to Chicago, Miami and Arizona.

White Sox 7, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Melky Cabrera homered to back a strong outing from Jose Quintana, and the White Sox pulled away late in a game interrupted by three rain delays to beat the Cardianls and complete a two-game sweep.

The Cardinals were 0 for 16 with runners in scoring position in the series, including seven hitless at-bats Wednesday.

Cubs 2, Mets 0, 11 innings

In New York, Starlin Castro legged out a run-scoring infield single in the 11th inning, and the Chicago Cubs blanked punchless New York for its second consecutive shutout at Citi Field.

Jon Lester returned to form with seven sharp innings, and the Cubs overcame a major baserunning blunder to score twice in the 11th. Miguel Montero added an RBI single and Chicago won its eighth straight against the Mets, including the first six of seven meetings this season.

Braves 4, Nationals 1

In Atlanta, A.J. Pierzynski and Juan Uribe hit back-to-back homers in a four-run fourth inning and Atlanta beat Washington to end a streak of nine straight losses in the season series.

Rookie Matt Wisler allowed one hit in 5 1/3 scoreless innings to make up for a loss to the Nationals in his last start. Wisler had a run-scoring single in the big fourth inning, his first career hit.

Blue Jays 11, Red Sox 2

In Toronto, Justin Smoak homered from both sides of the plate, Mark Buehrle won his fourth straight decision and Toronto ended Boston's winning streak at three.

Jose Bautista, Edwin Encarnacion and Josh Donaldson all connected and Jose Reyes had four hits as the Blue Jays scored more runs than they had in their previous four games combined, giving a Canada Day crowd of 45,392 plenty to cheer about.

Buehrle (9-4) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings. He hasn't lost since May 23 against Seattle.

Marlins 6, Giants 5

In Miami, Justin Bour hit a three-run homer with no outs in the ninth inning, and Miami overcame three errors and a flurry of double-play grounders to rally past San Francisco.

The Marlins squandered a 3-1 lead and tied a franchise record by hitting into five double plays. But they came back in the ninth against Santiago Casilla (4-2), who blew a save for the fourth time in 24 chances.

Yankees 3, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Nathan Eovaldi pitched scoreless, five-hit ball into the sixth inning, Garrett Jones homered and New York snapped its three-game skid with a victory over Los Angeles.

Chase Headley and Didi Gregorius had run-scoring singles for the Yankees, who had lost seven of 10 before salvaging the finale of their seven-game road trip.

Pirates 9, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Neil Walker homered twice, including a two-run shot in a five-run third, and Pittsburgh beat Detroit.

Walker also drove in the winning run in Tuesday night's 14-inning win—a game that ended early Wednesday morning.

The Pirates finished with 21 hits, their most since May 13, 2004 in Colorado.

Orioles 4, Rangers 2

In Baltimore, J.J. Hardy hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh inning to back an effective pitching performance by Wei-Yin Chen and carry Baltimore past Texas.

Jimmy Paredes homered and had two RBI for the Orioles, who yielded eight home runs in losing the first two games of the series.

The Rangers went deep twice more -- solo shots by Shin-Soo Choo and Ryan Rua -- but that was the extent of their offensive output.

Brewers 9, Phillies 5

In Philadelphia, Adam Lind homered, Scooter Gennett doubled twice, tripled and drove in three runs and hot-hitting Milwaukee won its season-best fourth straight game.

Ryan Braun and Aramis Ramirez each doubled and had two RBI for Milwaukee. Gerardo Parra and Kyle Lohse had three hits apiece for the Brewers, who had a season-high 17 hits.

Reds 4, Twins 1

In Cincinnati, Johnny Cueto made his best start yet since returning from a sore elbow, allowing four hits in eight innings, and Cincinnati beat Minnesota to take the interleague series.

The game started 12 hours after the Twins' 8-5 win on Tuesday night following a long weather delay. Minnesota played several rested backups in the quick turnaround, with Torii Hunter among those out of the lineup.

AP

Japan's Azusa Iwashimizu and Saori Ariyoshi (19) celebrate the team's 2-1 win as England's Steph Houghton lies on the ground after a semifinal in the FIFA Women's World Cup soccer tournament, Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Own goal lifts Japan past England

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)—England defender Laura Bassett was inconsolable as she lay face down on the field, sobbing.

Japanese players gathered at the other end of the field in celebration - and relief - in realizing how close they came to squandering a chance to defend their Women's World Cup title.

After Japan was outplayed for much of the second half, a turn of Bassett's foot followed by a fortunate bounce off the crossbar led to an own goal in the final minute of stoppage time that allowed Japan pull out a 2-1 victory in the semifinal Wednesday. Japan will travel to Vancouver to face the United States on Sunday in a rematch of the 2011 championship game in Germany.

"Oh, what a tough one, what a tough one to take," a red-eyed England coach Mark Sampson said. "I can't speak about the game. I can only speak about how incredibly proud I am of my group."

Japan coach Norio Sasaki acknowledged there were several tense moments when England could have scored in the second half.

"But that's the game of soccer," Sasaki said through a translator. "And at the end, we were able to obtain such a dramatic goal."

Nahomi Kawasumi drove up the right side and sent a cross into the middle for Yuki Ogimi. Bassett was in full stride when she reached out with her right foot, caught the ball flush and inadvertently directed it toward her net. The ball struck the crossbar and bounced in just before goalkeeper Karen Bardsley could get across.

"I was very happy," said player of the match Saori Ariyoshi, referring to watching the ball go in. "Well, we did it. That's how I felt."

It was a withering moment for England, which had no time - or energy - to gather itself and make a comeback.

After the final whistle, Bassett lay on the field and had to be helped off by her teammates and Sampson.

"It really was a horrible moment obviously for Laura, but you could see the regard in which the team hold Laura," Sampson said. "OK, she's hurting now, but tomorrow morning she'll wake up, she'll have 22 teammates and a group of staff give her a hug and tell her how proud we are of her."

SIDEBAR

US women react to rematch with Japan

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)—Bring it on.

That's how the U.S. women's soccer team reacted Wednesday night to learning that Japan would be the opponent in the World Cup final.

The Americans beat Germany 2-0 on Tuesday to reach the championship game. Japan defeated England 2-1 on a late own goal. The rematch of the 2011 final won by Japan on penalty kicks is Sunday in Vancouver.

"In order to be the best team in the world at the World Cup, you have to beat the best teams," star forward Abby Wambach said. "We just beat the No. 1 team in the world in Germany and now we face Japan, another team that we have so much respect for. They have an amazing team and they're the reigning World Cup champions, so I think it's going to be a fantastic final.

"Everyone will have to bring their `A' game, and whoever finishes their chances the most will come out on top. Hopefully it will be us."

The United States is 24-1-6 against Japan. The 2011 title game ended 2-2 and the Japanese won their first world title on penalty kicks.

"I think it's fantastic," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said. "These are two talented teams with a lot of history and rivalry, and I think it will be a classic matchup. Both teams have a lot of the same players from 2011, but that said, this is a different team on a different journey, and I know all 23 players and our staff are tremendously excited for this next challenge."

Ellis' counterpart, Japan's Norio Sasaki, echoed those comments.

"In 2011, both teams had a wonderful game in the final," he said through an interpreter. "And for women's football in the world, I hope that we will have a wonderful game like the way we did in 2011.

"Of course, only God knows the outcome, and Japan needs to build up our power, and that's what I take away from this game. And we'd like to prepare based on that takeaway."

AP

USA fans cheer their team as they play against Germany during the first half of the Women's World Cup semifinal soccer in Montreal, Canada, on Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

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Atalig tossed three shutout and hitless innings as he forced the Hong Kong batters to fly balls and grounders that were fielded cleanly by the defense. He also struck out two and walked one.

Aguon closed out in the top of the seventh where Major Lee and Max Fu grounded out and retired Wilson Yiu to end the game.

Guam 7, Philippines 0

Guam bounced back from a shutout loss to the host team as the former handed the Philippines its third loss in five games.

Jared Flores pitched a complete game, holding the Philippines to four hits with three strikeouts and no walk. He also got out of a bases-loaded jam, with one out after Ethan Christopher Mora flied out to center fielder Jarred Sarrosa, picking off Daniel Geoffrey Magsadia then forcing catcher Ivan Hernadez to ground out on an inning-ending 5-3 play.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
CNMI 11, Philippines 10

Team CNMI bounced back from a humiliating loss to the Junior League World Series champion Chinese-Taipei by scoring another walk-off win this time against the Philippines

Trailing at 8-9 in the bottom of the seventh, Tyrese Camacho had a leadoff single and moved to second after Philippines pitcher Marthy Ranada walked Arby Yaguel. Camacho tied the game when he reached home on a throwing error by Philippines catcher Oliver Cruz. Yaguel stole second and scored the winning run on a Neldreyton Skerei RBI single.

Australia 7, Hong Kong 1

Australia closed out its campaign and clinched its third straight win at the expense of Hong Kong.

The Aussies, after being mauled by Chinese-Taipei last Monday, ended the round-robin play with a 4-1 record. Chinese-Taipei is undefeated after four games and will face Guam for its final match.

Australia's bullpen—composed of Brock Molloy, Maverick Hamilton, Zachary Holland, and Cayden Hancock—held Hong Kong to four hits with 11 strikeouts and one walk.

Hamilton gave up Hong Kong's lone run when Yoki Tomiyama, who singled and stole second base, scored on a wild pitch.

Chan-Hom may spoil tournament

The regional tournament might be cut short as Tropical Storm Chan-Hom is expected to enter the Marianas this Saturday. Chan-hom is currently 495 miles east-southeast of Saipan.

Tournament director James Ada said that as of now games will be played according to schedule with Hong Kong and the Philippines squaring off at 9am in the Juniors division, to be followed by the Senior League match between Guam and Hong Kong.

"As of now the schedule remains the same. But we already informed the Little League headquarters in South Williamsport and updated them of the situation and the current weather," said Ada.

"We're still hoping that the typhoon changes direction. But if it stays on course, then we're left with no choice but to let the Little League headquarters decide on the fate of the tournament."

Ada added that most likely the teams in the three divisions with the best record (at the time the tournament is cut short due to the typhoon) will be declared the Asia Pacific representatives to their respective World Series—Taylor, Michigan (Junior); Bangor, Maine (Senior); and Easley, South Carolina (Big).

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in," said Eda, who trained seriously for two months under Barnes.

He said that he trains three days a week on the track with Barnes and two days on the road with Mamiko Berger, Erico Castro, and Jack Stewart with the CNMI's top runners pushing him beyond his limits.

"I do long distance running during weekends as a form of recovery for myself," said Eda, who graduated from the Saipan Southern High School this year.

His personal goal is to beat his best time of 42 minutes flat in the 10,000-meter run and his records in the 1,500m and 5,000m events.

"I achieved that 42 minutes in the Saipan Marathon. My personal goal is to break it as well as my times in the 1,500m and 5,000m runs," added Eda, who clocked in at 44:03 in last week's Northern Marianas Sports Foundation 10K Fun Run.

He recorded 5:29.62 in the 1,500m event in this year's 12th Annual Public School System/ McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championships. His 2014 time is 5:04.89.

Eda said he would continue joining running events when he starts college this year. He is planning to take up Physical Therapy at the Doshisha University at Kamigyo Ward in Kyoto Prefecture, Japan.

"I am very excited to compete in the Universiade and thankful to NMA for its support," Eda ended.

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and Emma Stearns and Janet McCullough; beach volleyball's Andrew Johnson, Clay McCullough-Stears, and coach Darcy Wylie; and triathlon's Peter Prestley and Brad Ruszala.

White made it to Port Moresby first last Tuesday, while the first batch of athletes and officials arrived in the host city last Wednesday.

"We just got here a few hours (last Wednesday) ago and it's pretty impressive. They built all new dorms (at the Athletes Village) for us to stay in and the food is really good," said Prestley in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* last Wednesday night.

The Athletes Village is located inside the University of Papua New Guinea and houses over 4000 athletes and officials.

After settling in at the Athletes Village, Prestley along with Ruszala had practice runs in PNG last Wednesday afternoon and then joined the CNMI swim team's practice at the Taurama Aquatic Centre and Indoor Sports Complex yesterday.

"I, Peter, and Tony swam at the pool and joined our swimmers and coach Jacoby. We haven't seen the course yet, but we're riding tomorrow (today) morning," Ruszala said in a message to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The Commonwealth's triathletes will open Team CNMI's bid in the Pacific Games as they compete in the individual race this Sunday in Konedobu. The triathlon competition will kick off at 8:30am with participants negotiating the 750m swim leg, 20K bike race, and 5K run course.

Meanwhile, with majority of the delegates from 24 participating countries now in PNG, security issues have been raised as the host will be bustling with people until July 18.

Pacific Games Council Executive Director Andrew Minogue said more than 3,000 security personnel have been mobilized to secure the safety of the athletes, officials, and residents.

"We know that security is a major concern and we have prepared for that. Now we can deliver the Games," Minogue was quoted as saying in a report published at the Pacific Games' official website.

CNMI Women's All-Stars up for challenge in HK

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Two CNMI Women's All-Star Team players believe their experience in several off-island tournaments will help them withstand a tough competition in next week's Luen Thai Cup in Hong Kong.

"We know what to expect—which is a big challenge from every team we will be facing in Hong Kong," said midfielder Chloe Salvosa, who will be representing the Commonwealth in an off-island event for the fourth time.

"Majority of us have been to tournaments outside Saipan, so we are used to what it's like to compete against other countries. Coach Koo (Luem Ken) has been telling us, too what kind of teams we will be up against and he is doing his best to prepare us for this tough battle," Salvosa said.

The CNMI Women's All-Stars, who are backed by Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, will square off against a selection from Chelsea FC Soccer School at 8:30am on July 7, South China Agricultural University Women's Football Club on July 8, and Singapore National Women's A Team on July 9.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Coach Luam Ken Koo facilitates the CNMI All-Star Team's drills during a training session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last month.

"It won't be easy. We have to do our best in every match and follow coach Koo's instructions so we can give our opponents good games," said De Jana Muna, who will be suiting up for the CNMI for the fifth time.

Muna and Salvosa are among the players who are still on island and training under Koo's watch. They will leave Saipan on Monday, along with Alexandria Vergara, Angelica Mia Carreon, Diana Maniacop, Elaine Enriquez, Jennifer Perena, Krizel Tuazon, Sara Allen, and Lalaine Pagarao. This group will join its nine other teammates who went to Hong Kong earlier (June 22) to train with Chelsea FC Soccer School.

"While our other teammates are training in Hong Kong, we are also training here. After months of training, I think we made improvements on chemistry and communication," said Salvosa.

As for her own improvement, the CNMI midfielder said her ball control is now better and she became more aggressive on offense.

Muna, who is one of the squad's defenders, on the other hand, said she is more fearless going after the ball and hounding opponents.

"Before I am a bit afraid to collide with other players and fight hard for the ball. But after training for several months and playing against male players, I learned not to back down on defense and how to use the defensive techniques our coaches have been teaching us," Muna said.

The team had several scrimmages against the CNMI U14 national training pool last month and held twice a day training sessions on numerous occasions to drum up their preparation for the Luen Thai Cup, which is being held in celebration of Luen Thai's 50th anniversary.

Ayuyu grabs Belau league batting lead

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Jerry Ayuyu made a huge jump in the batting leaders of the 2015 Belau Masters Softball League as he is now on top of the field.

Ayuyu, after the games played last Sunday afternoon, has a .794 batting average on a 27-for-34 performance at the plate to hold a .149 edge over former leader Darwin Masaharu. The CNMI police officer was nowhere among the batting leaders a month ago, but slowly worked his way to reach the top.

Masaharu dropped to second, going 20-for-31 for .645, followed by Mark Toves' .634, while Ben Hocog and Tom Camacho completed the Top 5 with .631 and .594 averages, respectively. Mark Flores (.593), Julian Camacho (.583), John Pilalur (.578), Lefty Shiro (.548), and Lito Skilang (529) made it to the Top 10 batting leaders.

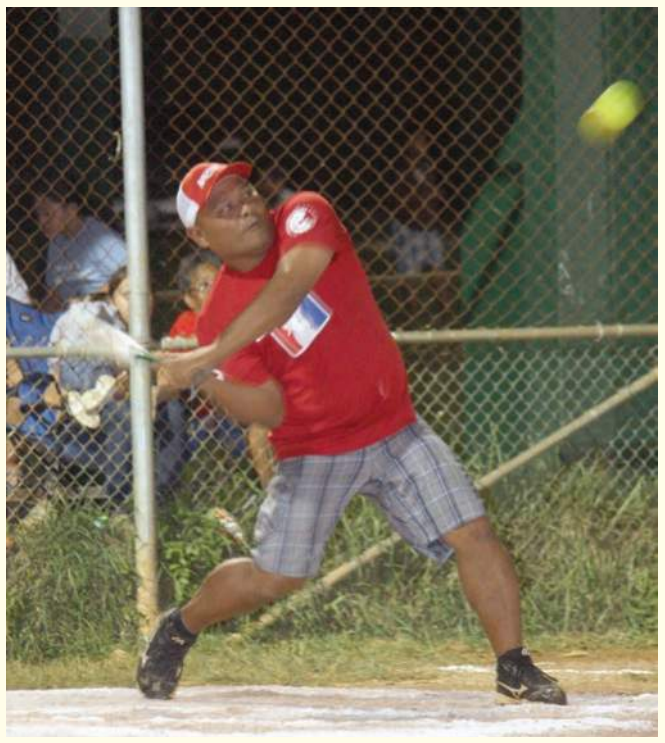
Pepi Tenorio (.527), Ebech (.516), Peyton Sakuma (.515), Jack Diaz (.514), Tailor Germance (.500), Joseph Celis (.500), Ernie Bell (.473), and Poland Yamada (.468) are the other members of the batting leaders.

Ayuyu is also the current homerun king, as he has already belted 9 four-baggers, and leads the RBI department with 27. In the runs category, he has scored a total of 21 to place second behind Hocog's league-leading 24. Toves has notched 18 runs to rank third, while Shiro has been credited with 17 for fourth place.

Jude Dickerson is two homers short with 7 to take second place behind Ayuyu, while Hocog has 6 for third place. Hocog added 19 RBIs to place second, followed by Jeff Cabrera and Tom Camacho's 18 and 17, respectively.

Oscar Sablan is the current doubles leader with 6 and closely followed by Jeff Diaz's 5, while Toves and Max Kachasang have 4 apiece. In the triples department, Hocog has made 4 to lead Toves and Max Kachasang, who have earned 3 each.

Tom Camacho is the top pitcher in terms of strikeouts with a total of 26 followed by the 25 of Tosh Beltau, while Mike Sablan, Kuich Damian, and Juan Diaz tallied 21, 20, and 19, respectively.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Jerry Ayuyu leads the batting race in the 2015 Belau Masters Softball League.

33 complete Plumeria Swim

Kaito Yanai led 32 other finishers in Marianas Visitors Authority's (MVA) 1st Annual Plumeria Swim (formerly the Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament) held late last month at Pau Pau Beach.

Yanai clocked in at 23:54 in the 1.5K race to rule the men's division, while Angel Marie Tan repeated her 2014 winning form to place first in the women's division with a time of 24:59. Thirty-three participants from Japan, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands joined the 1.5K race event, with another 12 joining the 500m and 1.5K group swim.

Yanai was followed in the men's division by Takumi Sugie (23:55) and Mark Maestro (26:10). Tan was followed by Sophia Klair Gauran and Kyona Rivera (27:26) and Aika Watabanbe (28:38).

"We're very happy with the results of the festival. Everything went smoothly, and the participants had a safe and enjoyable time," said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Managing Director Perry Tenorio.

In the junior division, the winners were Isaiah Aleksenko (28:57) for ages 10 and under and Nelson Jay Batallones (31:10) for ages 11-12. In the female junior division, the winners were Ayumi Obligacion (35:10) for ages 10 and under, Kathrine Illahi (33:52) for ages 13- 15, and Angel Felice De Jesus (29:23) for ages 16-18.

Other first place finishers were Harry Choi (28:29) for ages 19-29 male; Shinji Takayama (32:17) for ages 30-39; Hiroshi Tanaka (00:32:01) for ages 40-49; Haruko Furugori (39:28) for ages 40-49 female; Motoko Kubo (30:28) for ages 50-59; and Takachi (30:59) for ages 60 and up.

Takako Ishizuka (11:00) was the first finisher in the 500m, while Yayoi Kabata (24:48) topped the 1.5K swim.

The race was followed by an awards ceremony and breakfast on the beach.

The event was jointly organized by the MVA and the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan. Sponsors and supporters include: Let's Go! Tour, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, World Resort Saipan, McDonald's Saipan, Detry Pumping Service, Saipan Advertising, Pacific Development Inc., Department of Public Safety, Boating Safety/EMS, Emma Perez, Peter Perez, Mobby's, Tusa Reef Tourer by Tabata, Gull, Super VAAM, Bism, SAS, Marine Diving, and Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association. ***(MVA)***

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Participants in last month's Marianas Visitors Authority's (MVA) 1st Annual Plumeria Swim at Pau Pau Beach pose for a photo before the race.

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Local dancers perform before the start of Marianas Visitors Authority's (MVA) 1st Annual Plumeria Swim at Pau Pau Beach last month.

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NMI boosts World Series bid

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The CNMI Senior League Team will most likely advance to the World Series as an approaching tropical storm threatens to cut short the 2015 Asia Pacific Middle East Junior, Senior, and Big League Regional Baseball Tournament.

The reigning ASPAC champions romped to their fifth straight win and stay on top of the division after posting a 7-2 decision against Hong Kong yesterday at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

Trailing at 0-2 after 2 1/2 innings, runs by Anthony Agulto and J.J. Chong, who both walked, tied the match in the bottom half of the third on consecutive passed ball by Hong Kong starter Alex Chan.

The host team then scored five more in the bottom of the fourth then held on to complete the win behind the excellent pitching of Richard Atalig and Craig Aguon.

Atalig and Virgil Secharmidal had back-to-back singles and scored on a Nathan Camacho two-RBI triple. Agulto grounded out on a 6-3 play, while Chong followed with his own single to put another runner on base. Chong later stole second and scored on a Brandon Pua fielder's choice. Franklin Lizama had an infield single with Pua scoring on a Roke Tenorio single. Franko Nakamura struck out while Atalig, batting for the second time in the fourth, grounded out on an inning-ending 6-3 play.

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Hong Kong pitcher Alex Chan checks CNMI runner Joaquin Chong, left, while second baseman Max Fu looks on during their game in the Senior League division of the 2015 Asia Pacific Middle East Regional Baseball Tournament yesterday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball

Seiya aims to pass Universiade test

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Seiya Eda is hoping to pass one of the biggest tests in his young athletics career when he competes in the XXVIII Summer World University Games, which opens today at the Gwangju World Cup Stadium in Seo-gu District in Gwangju City, South Korea.

The 18-year-old left Saipan yesterday along with former Northern Marianas Athletics president and CNMI athletics coach Kurt Barnes, who will serve as Commonwealth's chef de mission.

Eda knows that the Summer Universiade is one of the world's prestigious sporting events for student-athletes so he would give his best in representing the Commonwealth.

"The Universiade Games is a world international event. I will compete against extremely talented

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JON PEREZ

Seiya Eda aims to beat his personal records when he competes in the long distance running events of the XXVIII Summer World University Games in Gwangju City, South Korea.

Tarkong is CNMI flag bearer

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Members of the CNMI Va'a Team pose for a photo before leaving Saipan for Papua New Guinea last Tuesday to compete in the XV Pacific Games.

Va'a's Jason Tarkong will be the Team CNMI's flag bearer as the Commonwealth's delegation joins the traditional parade of nations tomorrow at the opening ceremony of the XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

The opening rites will start at 7pm (same time on Saipan) at the Sir John Guise Outdoor Stadium in Port Moresbly with Tarkong's va'a teammates Joe Ayuyu, Carter Calma, Jack Kabiriel, Dino Manning, Ben Olopai, and Joe Quan also marching under the CNMI colors. Completing the list of the Commonwealth's representatives joining tomorrow's parade are chef de mission and Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White, swimming's Victoria Chentsova, Takumi Sugie, Angel De Jesus, coach Jacoby Winkfield and assistant coach Edna Delos Santos; sailings' Tony

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